

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

5 August 2014

Review of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care

The Committee's final report was considered by Cabinet in May and the recommendations were endorsed, together with Executive Scrutiny Committee's additional recommendation that the report be publicised. The report has been sent to relevant NHS organisations and responses will be collated in early July.

Review of Home Care

The Committee's next scheduled review is to be the review of the quality of home care. The scope of the review was agreed at a meeting on 10 June and Members received a briefing on the key issues. The review will investigate the quality of local home care services (also known as domiciliary care services) across all client groups. The review will consider the commissioning process and quality monitoring, as well as options for future alternatives to home care.

Other Work / Quality of Care

On 29 April the Committee received an update from the Care Quality Commission. This provided information on the CQC's new strategy, as well as the first update the Committee will be receiving regarding local inspection activity and results. Within the last year, all adult care facilities had been inspected together with 20% of dentists and 12% of GPs. Overall CQC was pleased with the progress of inspections and any follow up actions required. Where improvements had been required, key themes included: care and welfare, medicine management, staffing, and record keeping. It was highlighted that CQC were happy with the progress of inspections and follow up on compliance actions where necessary.

Members were also briefed on the results of the LGA/ADASS Peer Review of the Council's Adult Safeguarding which had been positive.

The annual overview committee meeting is scheduled for 22 July.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Committee submitted a statement of assurance for the final published version of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust's Quality Account, following its last meeting of 2013-14. The Joint Committee was chaired by Stockton Council during 2013-14, and will be chaired by Hartlepool BC during 2014-15. The first meeting of the new municipal year was held on 17 July. The Joint Committee approved, in principal, their work programme for 2014/15. This included a referral from Stockton of a review of Any Qualified Provider for NHS Services.