

## **Adult Services and Health Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee**

**6 October 2014**

#### **Review of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care**

The Committee hosted discussion with the key stakeholders involved in the review on 23 September and considered the Action Plan setting out the way forward.

#### **Review of Home Care**

The review is investigating the quality of local home care services (also known as domiciliary care services) across all client groups. September's meeting concentrated on the commissioning process and the cost of home care in Stockton. Training on the Human Rights Act and using a Human Rights approach to reviewing home care has been delivered to Members.

#### **Other Work / Quality of Care**

The Committee considered Healthwatch Stockton's Annual Report on 16 September, together with the Independent Evaluation of Healthwatch, commissioned by the Council.

The annual overview committee has been re-scheduled for 7 October.

NHS England's proposals relating to the possible closure of the registered patient service (not the Walk-In element) at Tithebarn Health Centre were discussed on 23 September, and the consultation results will be discussed on 7 October prior to the Committee's responses being considered by Council.

The final Evaluation Report following the reconfiguration of critical care and emergency medicine services at North Tees Trust was also considered on 23 September.

#### **Sub-regional and Regional Committees**

The Joint Committee was chaired by Stockton Council during 2013-14, and will be chaired by Hartlepool BC during 2014-15.

It was noted at September's meeting that talks were under way to discuss the best way forward for Haematology In Patient Care (Level 2) at North Tees and Hartlepool Trust, as the Trust is struggling to recruit consultants. Day Patient care will continue within the Trust, with more serious cases projected to be treated in future at neighbouring Trusts (including South Tees).

The Committee also agreed to undertake regular monitoring of the North East Ambulance Trust performance across the Tees Valley.