

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

25 November 2014

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. At October and November meetings the Committee has been reviewing how care packages are put together, the use of direct payments, the quality monitoring and improvement processes, and received a demonstration of assistive technology.

Other Work / Quality of Care

The annual overview committee took place on 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 have been reviewed, and on 30 October, in response to concerns, it was confirmed that the practice's contract will be extended for a further year to examine the issues in more depth with partners including the Council.

The Care Home Quality Standards Framework (QSF) scores for 2014 were considered on 18 November, alongside the most recent Adult Care 6-month Performance Report.

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 will next meet on 27 November and consider Securing Quality in Health Services (SeQHIS), Monitoring of the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS), Baysdale Short Break for children with complex needs Review, and winter planning and management.

The Regional Health Committee met on 29 September and covered the new national review of congenital heart surgery for adults and children (consultation ends on 8 December and details can be found via: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/congenital-heart-disease-standards>), Quality Account Update from NEAS, patient transport review, and Members were updated on the work of the Northern Clinical Senate which is set up to provide expert advice on services change proposals.

The Committee agreed to host an additional meeting on 20 November to discuss further the future of acute care across the region, and the drivers behind change, with the chair of the Northern Senate (this also relates to SeQHIS project as noted above).