

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

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

**3 February 2015**

#### **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.

In December Committee heard from a sample of commissioned home care providers, and have surveyed the remainder. January and February meetings will explore the role of the voluntary community and social enterprise sector. The review will report to Cabinet in March.

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

Following the announcement of the 'pause' in the development of the new hospital project, the Committee requested an update on the Momentum Programme at the meeting of 20 January.

The Tees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report was presented in January, and this included an update on the new statutory basis for the Tees-wide Board following the Care Act.

#### **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 met on 22 January and considered the annual update from NHS England Area Team, monitoring of the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS), Tees Wide Suicide Prevention Plan, and Any Qualified Provider (following the referral from Stockton).

The Regional Health Committee hosted 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. The Committee agreed to monitor closely the overall 'vision' for acute care and the reasons behind it.

It will consider the NEAS Quality Update and performance in spring (date TBC).