

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

15 September 2015

Review of Access to Services by people with Learning Disabilities and Autism

The Committee is investigating the take up and barriers to access of services by people with learning disabilities and autism. This is mainly concentrating on community and universal public services including leisure and transport for example. However the review will also examine the take up of the annual healthcheck that should be offered by GPs to people with learning disabilities.

Members received a general briefing in July, and will be meeting and surveying a range of service providers including Council services, the NHS, police, transport providers, Tees Active, and employer groups, together with service user, advocacy and carer groups.

Other Work / Quality of Care

During July, the Committee considered, and supported, the proposals to merge Tennant Street and A+B Medical Practices in the Stockton Town Centre area. This should help sustain and improve services for patients at both practices.

On 8 September, the Committee considered the annual report of Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees, and its first Enter and View Report.

On 14 September the Committee considered the Overview Report for Adult Services and Public Health. The Committee also considered further improvements to how it monitors the quality of local services, including increased site visits.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Committee is chaired by Redcar and Cleveland Council in 2014-15. In July the Committee continued its monitoring of the ambulance service and considered a work programme report.

The North East Regional Committee received an update from the new Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service and agreed its work programme. Members agreed to investigate the use of pharmacy for minor ailments and other issues, alongside its standing programme of items including the NEAS Quality Account.