Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

27 October 2015

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

On 13 October the Committee looked at information about the Annual GP-led Health Check that should be received by people with a learning disability. Stockton Borough has low take up rates compared to the regional and Borough average and the Committee has been examining why this may be.

Future meetings will look at the experience of people with learning disabilities in other health settings such as acute and community care, before looking at the experience of people using other universal services such as leisure and council provision.

Other Work / Quality of Care

The Council has further developed its Quality Standards Framework (an assessment framework to monitor and improve standards within adult social care services) and the Committee was briefed on this in October.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Committee is chaired by Redcar and Cleveland Council in 2015-16. In October the Committee continued its monitoring of the ambulance service and considered how to approach the review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

On 1 October, the North East Regional Committee received an update from the Ambulance Service. The Committee received a briefing on the future of neonatal services in the North East. The regional committee requested further information on the proposals, which related to North Tees, and the plans for formal consultation.

The Committee also received a briefing on the recent work of the national review of congenital heart surgery (child and adult). The service standards that will be required have now been agreed and NHS England has decided to take a commissioning approach to achieving them. Providers are currently being supported to work in partnership wherever possible to be able to achieve them.