

Adult Services and Health Select Committee Chair's Update

Scrutiny Review – Access to Services for People with Learning Disabilities and / or Autism	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Meetings and evidence sessions have covered the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - public transport - housing - employability - welfare - SBC corporate and customer services - community safety / police / Police and Crime Commissioner <p>Visits have taken place with STEPS and Daisy Chain and have proven to be very useful.</p>
Problems or concerns	<p>None aside from the substantial amount of evidence to be collated. Due to the wide ranging nature of the information some of the recommendations may relate to further work and monitoring.</p>
Planned next month	<p>Members will consider the summary of evidence, draft recommendations, and final report during March. Mystery shopping is underway and will be reported in as part of this process.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust CQC Report - The CQC report was published in February with an overall rating of Requires Improvement. Members were updated on findings and the early action plan to address identified issues, on 16 February. Issues discussed included nursing recruitment, staffing levels, hospital environment, and risk/governance issues.</p> <p>Visits to Frontline Services – In January Members visited STEPS/Sporting STEPS, and Rosedale Rehab and Assessment Centre. In February Members visited the Halcyon Centre and LiveWell Dementia Hub.</p> <p>No major issues identified. Members were impressed with all services visited.</p>
Requests for more information	<p>North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust CQC Report – Further updates will be monitored in due course. The Committee is due to consider the Quality Account (which covers the full range of services) in March.</p> <p>Visits to Frontline Services - Feedback from STEPS visit would</p>

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	specifically feed into the current review of access to services (as above).
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NHS Updates / Consultations	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Assisted Reproduction Unit – The NTH Trust announced in January that elements of this service providing licensed treatments would end at the end of March due to clinical safety issues (re. recruitment of staff). On 16 February Members questioned Trust and CCG on the reasons behind the proposed change.</p> <p>North of Tees Urgent Care – On 16 February an update outlined various factors impacting on this project (which aims to create an integrated urgent care service); these included new commissioning standards, and collaboration with other CCGs.</p> <p>Due to these factors, procurement has been delayed and it is now projected an integrated service will be in operation by 1 April 2017.</p>
Requests for more information	<p>Assisted Reproduction Unit – The Trust stated they would explore further options for the service and any updates will be reported in due course.</p> <p>North of Tees Urgent Care – Further updates will be received as the project progresses.</p>

Regional Health Committees	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Tees Valley Committee – In January this Committee considered: South Tees CQC Report, CAMHS Transformation Plans (following referral from Stockton), South Tees Urgent Care, Better Health, TEWV Trust Quality Account, and the regular North East Ambulance monitoring report.</p> <p>Regional Committee – Met on 6 January and considered the Learning Disability Transformation Programme North East Fast Track project, aimed at increasing the numbers of people with learning disabilities living in the community and out of NHS inpatient care.</p>
Requests for more information	<p>Regional Committee – Additional detail on the funding of the project was requested, and the Committee agreed to formally monitor the project at a regional level.</p>

Monitoring – There have been no monitoring updates received following the previous Executive Scrutiny Committee. However at the last updates (considered in December) it was agreed that a GP Commissioning Development session be provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England, and this is still to be arranged.