

Adult Services and Health Select Committee Chair's Update

Scrutiny Review – Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee has agreed the scope and gathered information on the Council's roles and responsibilities. Members noted the substantial increase in workload following the Supreme Court judgement in 2014, and this work needed secure funding from 2017-18 onwards.</p> <p>In July the Committee spoke with a care home, TEWV Trust, and CQC to inform their review. Members also had the opportunity to sit with the Council's DoLS Team to gain a greater understanding of the process.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	Members will consider information from the CCG and North Tees NHS Trust.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>North Tees and Hartlepool (NTH) NHS Trust Quality Account - The Quality Account has been published with the Committee's statement of assurance included.</p> <p>Visits to Frontline Services – A new round of visits is being established including home care and care home providers.</p> <p>Quality Standards Framework –Phase 2 Results of this Council-run Quality monitoring and improvement scheme were considered in July, and these focussed on Care Homes without Nursing. This included further detail on scoring as requested by the Committee.</p>
Requests for more information	<p>North Tees and Hartlepool (NTH) NHS Trust Quality Account – As part of this discussion Members requested additional information on a range of issues (eg.infection control), and this was subsequently received.</p>

NHS Updates / Consultations	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Assisted Reproduction Unit – The public consultation ended on 15 July. The Committee will be receiving an update on next steps in September.</p>

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	<p>Better Health Programme –A number of proposals to hospital and community-based NHS care will be put forward regarding hospitals based in the Durham and Tees Valley area later in 2016.</p> <p>A Member Seminar took place in May. The statutory Joint Committee has been formed by all seven affected Authorities (including North Yorkshire) in order to consider and respond to the consultation. In advance of the formal consultation, the Committee will be reviewing the public feedback to date, plans for consultation, and the development of the options appraisal process. The first meeting was on 7 July.</p>
Requests for more information	Better Health Programme- The Joint Committee requested a range of information to aid its work, for example the current distribution of hospital care.

Regional Health Committees

Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Tees Valley Committee – Middlesbrough Council will host during 2016-17 and the first meeting is on 28 July. Stockton has suggested cancer outcomes/mortality as a topic suggestion, as the Tees area still lags behind in this respect.</p> <p>Regional Committee – The Committee met in June and was update on various Specialised Commissioning issues: a dedicated neonatal transport service for the region is being established, the latest national congenital heart surgery review was expected in June (subsequently the Freeman Hospital was confirmed as retaining its service), and a review of vascular services.</p>
Requests for more information	Regional Committee – The Committee agreed to consider the regional Vascular Surgery review as a Substantial Variation, with further detail requested. Patient flow from Stockton area to James Cook would not be affected under the proposals.

Monitoring

Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Monitoring report for the reviews of Access to GP, Urgent and emergency care, and Home Care were considered in June.</p> <p>The Action plan following the review of Access to Services for people with LD and / or Autism will be considered in September.</p>
Requests for more information	It was previously requested that a GP Commissioning Development session be provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England, and this will take place in September.