

## Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Chair's Update – July 2019

<b>Scrutiny Review – Temporary Accommodation of Homeless Households</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	The final report was considered by Cabinet on 14 February and all review recommendations were approved. The Action Plan was approved by the Select Committee in March and a progress update is scheduled for the Select Committee in June 2020.

<b>Scrutiny Review – Care Homes for Older People</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Select Committee received an introductory presentation and approved a scope and project plan for this review at the July meeting.</p> <p>The CQC ratings for Care Homes for Older People in the Borough are lower than the national average. The review would seek to understand the reasons why Care Homes are not achieving the same level of CQC ratings as the Tees and national average and to identify what activities can take place by the Care Homes, Local Authority and wider stakeholders to improve CQC ratings.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned September</b>	<p>Evidence from TEWV and NT&amp;HFT</p> <p>Visits to services by Committee Members</p>
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

<b>Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	<p>CQC Report Updates – These continue to be considered on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Healthwatch Annual Report – This has been circulated and will be considered in the Autumn</p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

<b>NHS Updates / Consultations</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	<p><b>Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS)</b></p> <p>The statutory Joint Committee has been formed by all seven affected Authorities (including North Yorkshire) in order to consider proposals emanating from the STP/ Integrated Care System process.</p>

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	<p>The Joint Committee last met in June and received an update on the development of the ICS. It was reported that the regional Trusts were still to come to a clinical consensus on options for the shape of some services.</p> <p><b>CCG Mergers</b></p> <p>The Committee was consulted on the proposals for merging Clinical Commissioning Groups in the Durham and Tees areas, at the meeting in July. The preferred option of the CCGs is to establish one CCG for County Durham, and one for the Tees Valley.</p> <p><b>Skerne Medical Group, Sedgefield</b></p> <p>This GP Practice has registered patients from the Wynyard area and a base in Sedgefield. The Practice faced a substantial shortage of GP sessions from February 2019 and assessed options for the future. The relevant CCG has approved plans to close a branch surgery in Trimdon Village. The Practice is now undertaking a further consultation with patients and details have been circulated. Durham Council's Health Committee will continue to monitor future developments.</p> <p><b>Repeat Prescriptions</b></p> <p>The Committee has requested further details on the introduction of changes to how repeat prescription are requested. This change will be introduced from September. For most patients, community pharmacies will no longer be able to order repeat medication for patients. Patients will instead order their medication directly from their GP practice.</p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	The STP Committee will receive information on the development of Primary Care Networks at a future meeting.

Regional Health Committees	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	<p><b>Tees Valley Committee</b> – Hartlepool BC will be chairing and supporting this Committee during 2019-20 under the rotational arrangements.</p> <p><b>Regional Committee</b> – This Committee is currently chaired by South Tyneside Council. Earlier this year it completed its work on the interpretation and translation service for NHS patients.</p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None.

Monitoring	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	<p>The following progress updates are scheduled for the Committee on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gambling – February 2020</li> <li>• Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households - June</li> </ul>

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<b>Requests for more information</b>	A full Committee update on Homecare was requested and this will be scheduled in the current work programme.

<b>Next Meeting</b>
3 September 2019 4pm