

## Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2021

Scrutiny Review – Hospital Discharge	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	Evidence-gathering for phase 2 of this review (discharge to an individual's own home) has continued since the turn of the year – in January 2021, the Committee received submissions from Five Lamps and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV), and in February 2021, the Committee considered information from ERS Medical (private transport provider used by North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust).
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	The ongoing impact of COVID-19 on local health services has meant that contributions from NHS Trusts have been delayed (with the Chair's permission). As such, the final report for phase 2 of this review will not now be submitted to Cabinet until July 2021.
<b>Planned next month</b>	<p>The next meeting in March 2021 will receive a phase 2 contribution from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, with North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust representatives due to provide an update on their previous submission (from February 2020) in April 2021 – this will conclude the main evidence-gathering.</p> <p>Following Committee endorsement in December 2020 of the Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations within the final report of the Hospital Discharge (Phase 1) review (discharge to care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic), an initial progress update on these actions will be considered by the Committee in April 2021.</p>
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	No (as outlined above)

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p><b>Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) – Annual Report 2019-2020:</b> In January 2021, the Committee considered the latest TSAB Annual Report for 2019-2020 and the Board's Strategic Business Plan for 2020-2021.</p> <p><b>Overview:</b> The report for the Adults and Health directorate was presented to the Committee in February 2021 (however, since this concentrated solely on Adult Social Care, a further report focusing on 'health' (Public Health / Environmental Health) elements has been requested for the Committee meeting in April 2021). Reflecting on the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, information covered Government guidance, the workforce, the care sector, NHS partnership-working, and safeguarding adults.</p> <p>The Committee questioned the respective Director and Cabinet Members on several aspects of the report, including whether anything could have been done differently in response to COVID-19, the impact on service quality as a result of adapted working practices, staff</p>

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	<p>wellbeing, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, and the directorates' key priorities. Members ended by commending the directorate and all its staff for their efforts over the course of an immensely difficult year.</p> <p><b>CQC Report Updates:</b> The Q3 2020-2021 report was considered by the Committee in February 2021. The CQC inspection programme remains limited as a result of COVID-19, with focused inspections of care providers (involving checks on infection prevention and control management) continuing to be a prioritised area of work.</p> <p><b>CCG Update:</b> A presentation was given to the Committee in February 2021 on last year's reconfiguration of the CCG (from 'Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees' to 'Tees Valley') and the work of the CCG during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p><b>NTHFT Quality Account 2020-2021:</b> The Committee will consider the latest North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account at its next meeting in March 2021. Following this, the Committee will prepare a statement of assurance for inclusion in the final published version.</p>
<p><b>Requests for more information</b></p>	<p><b>Overview:</b> update on how local care homes are following-up with their staff who refuse to be tested for / vaccinated against COVID-19.</p>

NHS Updates / Consultations	
<p><b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS):</b> Correspondence was received in December 2020 regarding an update on the direction of travel for Integrated Care Systems and proposed options for legislative change to support this. Councils involved in the joint STP Committee were asked to comment on the four questions posed in the consultation document so that a joint response could be submitted.</p> <p>SBC subsequently raised concerns about the tight timescales for this consultation and the need for proper consultation and engagement with all parties. It is also understood that the proposals have been discussed by Tees Valley Chief Executives and a response is being prepared on behalf of Tees Valley DASS, DCS and DPH.</p> <p>A response to the NHS England / Improvement Consultation on ICS Development (signed off by the Chair on behalf of the joint STP Committee) was received on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – this has been shared with the Council's joint STP Committee representatives and the relevant Cabinet Members and Directors.</p>
<p><b>Requests for more information</b></p>	<p>None</p>

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Regional Health Committees	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p><b>Tees Valley Committee:</b> The latest Committee meeting took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and included a local COVID-19 update, a North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) performance update, the Tees Suicide Prevention Plan, and the TEWV – Our Big Conversation draft framework. The final meeting of the municipal year will take place in March 2021 – agenda to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Regional Committee:</b> No meetings are currently scheduled.</p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

Monitoring	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p>There have been no progress updates received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care Homes for Older People (TBC)</li> <li>• Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households (TBC)</li> <li>• Hospital Discharge (Phase 1) (April 2021)</li> </ul>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

Next Meeting
<p>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (4.00pm)</p> <p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (4.00pm)</p>