

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Chair's Update – January 2022

Scrutiny Review – Hospital Discharge	
Achieved since last meeting	Following circulation to the Committee of their initial response to the recommendations from phase 2 (discharge to an individual's own home) of the review, further details from both South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) in relation to the proposed Action Plan had been requested.
Problems or concerns	Concerns previously raised with both STHFT and TEWV regarding their response to those recommendations within the phase 2 (discharge to an individual's own home) final report aimed at 'Local NHS Trusts'.
Planned next month	The next progress update regarding the outstanding action in relation to phase 1 (discharge to care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic) of the review will be considered by the Committee in January 2022.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Multi-Agency Support to Care Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	The Task and Finish Group's agreed final report was presented to Cabinet in November 2021 – all recommendations were subsequently endorsed. A draft Action Plan in relation to the review's recommendations was considered and agreed by the Committee at its last meeting in December 2021. The first progress update regarding the agreed actions will be scheduled for a future Committee meeting.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	n/a
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Day Opportunities for Adults	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Evidence-gathering continued in November 2021 where the Committee received the deferred information from SBC Children's Services, as well as contributions from Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group (previously commissioned services / future planning) and TEWV (role in supporting such provision / COVID impact / views on future services).</p> <p>The final evidence-gathering session for this review was scheduled for December 2021 (focusing on service-user / family / carer views) and was due to be supplemented by visits to local day service providers. However, the emergence of the latest COVID variant led to the cancellation of these visits, and a decision was made to instead seek this evidence via informal remote sessions with identified providers /</p>

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	service-users / families / carers in January 2022.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	Evidence-gathering will conclude in January 2022 via remote sessions with identified providers to gain service-user / family / carer views.
On track – yes / no	No – the cancellation of the December 2021 evidence-gathering session will result in the presentation of the final report to Cabinet being put back to April 2022 (instead of March 2022 as originally intended).

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>CQC Report Updates: The Q2 2021-2022 report was considered by the Committee in November 2021. Updates in relation to Piper Court and Rosedale were also provided, and several PAMMS assessment reports were reflected upon. Members were also given an update on unvaccinated care home staff and the impact of this on local providers.</p> <p>Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees – Annual Report 2020-2021: The Committee considered this Annual Report in November 2021. Members were keen to know when Healthwatch would be resuming their 'enter and view' programme – this would be taken back to the Healthwatch Board to clarify the current and future position.</p> <p>CQC – State of Care 2020-2021: The CQCs latest assessment of health care and social care in England was published in late-October 2021 and was circulated to the Committee for information. CQC representatives were scheduled to attend the Committee meeting in December 2021 to give their annual presentation on this report, along with some reflections on the local health and care scene, but concerns around the latest COVID variant had led to CQC staff being advised not to attend face-to-face meetings. As this item involves holding the CQC to account (which must be done in a publicly-accessible forum), it was deferred to the next Committee meeting in January 2022.</p>
Requests for more information	None

NHS Updates / Consultations

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS): Further to the publication of the Government's Health and Care Bill White Paper, a meeting of the Joint STP Committee was intended – however, this could not be arranged prior to the purdah period ahead of the 2021 elections. Awaiting confirmation from Durham of the next meeting date (no change from previous update).
Requests for more information	None

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Regional Health Committees	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Tees Valley Committee: Middlesbrough Borough Council are supporting and Chairing the Committee in 2021-2022. The last meeting took place on the 10th December 2021 where items considered included updates on the local NHS / Public Health response to COVID-19, an update from the Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group (TVCCG) on the previously completed Learning Disabilities Respite / Short-Breaks review and Breast Diagnostics Services, a reflection on the Committee's recent visit to the Lotus Ward, Acklam Road Hospital (formerly West Lane Hospital), and a North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) performance update.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for the 18th March 2022.</p> <p>Regional Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.</p>
Requests for more information	None

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>The following progress update was received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Care Homes for Older People</u> The second update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in December 2021. Members were encouraged to hear of developments around a Care Academy-style model in relation to recruitment and retention within the care sector, though again expressed concerns around the future visibility of both the CQC and Healthwatch within local care homes.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously-completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Homes for Older People (TBC) • Hospital Discharge (Phase 1) (Jan 22) • Hospital Discharge (Phase 2) (TBC) • Multi-Agency Support to Care Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Task & Finish) (TBC)
Requests for more information	None

Next Meeting
Tuesday 18 th January 2022 (4.00pm)