

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

Scrutiny Review – Day Opportunities for Adults	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee considered a summary of the evidence received as part of this review in March 2022, which included feedback from families / carers of those people accessing services which were visited virtually in January / February 2022. Draft recommendations were then formulated and agreed.</p> <p>A draft final report was considered and subsequently approved by the Committee in April 2022.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The Committee's agreed final report will be presented to Cabinet in May 2022.
On track – yes / no	No – the Committee's agreed final report will now go to Cabinet in May 2022 after the 'summary of evidence / draft recommendations' informal session was put back from February to March 2022.

Scrutiny Review – Care at Home	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>A background briefing on this scrutiny topic (the Committee's next in-depth review) was provided in April 2022, after which the Committee considered and approved the draft scope and plan. Focusing on provision for adults only, the key aims of this review would be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the Care at Home system (regulations, promotion of, access to, funding / costs to the individual (inc. use of direct payments), Council involvement). • Understand how the Council contracts for Care at Home. • Assess existing quality of provision of the Council's contracted providers (CQC feedback, PAMMS inspections and ratings, responsiveness of services, ability of providers to pick-up new and complex packages of care, feedback from those accessing services, etc.) and evaluate value-for- money (inc. benefits / challenges of providing services in-house). • Ascertain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. changes in service delivery, costs, staffing, recruitment / retention (inc. how the proposed SBC Care Academy will aid this), ensuring business continuity). • Establish priorities for the future in terms of this type of service to ensure continued good quality provision which is available in the right place at the right time. <p>Four main contributors had been identified for this work, namely SBC (including Strategic Procurement, Quality Assurance and Compliance, OneCall (Assistive Technology), and Integrated Strategy and Development), Care at Home providers, people accessing services</p>

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	<p>(which should also ascertain views from families / carers of these individuals), and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). It was also suggested that Skills for Care be contacted with regards training / development / support for staff working in this domain.</p> <p>Reflecting on the review's stated key lines of enquiry, two additional factors for consideration were proposed. The first related to possible links between an individual's care experiences and their healthcare needs (including any differences between those requiring long-term versus short-term care); the second was around identifying and addressing any issues of loneliness.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The first evidence-gathering session for this review will take place at the Committee meeting in May 2022 and will involve contributions from SBC officers on key aspects such as contractual arrangements, quality oversight, and the impact of COVID-19.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>NTHFT Quality Account 2021-2022: In March 2022, the Committee considered a presentation on the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT) Quality Account 2021-2022. Members discussed mortality and dementia rates, infection control, COVID-19 impact, accessibility issues, violent incidents towards staff, and patient experience (satisfaction / complaints). Once the draft Quality Account document is circulated by NTHFT, the Committee will agree on a third-party statement for inclusion in the Trust's final document.</p> <p>TEWV: Following senior Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) representatives addressing the Committee in February 2022 to respond to concerns raised by the CQC in their report published in December 2021, and the Trust's subsequent appearance before the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the 18th March 2022, the Committee met on the 22nd March 2022 to decide its next step in relation to the Council motion proposed and approved in January 2022. Members unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, and the Chief Executive of NHS England, calling for a public inquiry into the continued failings and lack of notable improvement of TEWV – this was subsequently sent on the 5th April 2022, though no reply has yet been received.</p> <p>CQC Report Updates: The Committee will consider the Q4 2021-2022 report (including PAMMS assessment reports) in May 2022. A separate PAMMS Annual Report (Care Homes) for 2021-2022 will also be considered at the May 2022 meeting.</p>
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<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>NTHFT Quality Account 2021-2022: Request made for further information on infection control data, the new long-COVID service / clinic, and what the Trust is doing to address the large increase in 'concerns to do with personal safety'.</p>
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<p>NHS Updates / Consultations</p>	
<p>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</p>	<p>Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS): Last month, Durham County Council issued correspondence regarding this Joint Committee. Noting challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and changes in leadership at Durham, it was intended to arrange a meeting soon after the current 2022 elections purdah period where Joint Committee representatives can meet with the North East and North Cumbria (NENC) Integrated Care Board (ICB) Chief Executive (designate), Samantha Allen, to receive information on progress ahead of ICSs assuming a statutory footing as of 1st July 2022.</p> <p>Tees Valley Health Summit: On the 31st March 2022, a Tees Valley Health Summit was held with a focus on working together to improve health and reduce health inequalities for people who live and / or work in the Tees Valley.</p>
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>Regional Health Committees</p>	
<p>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</p>	<p>Tees Valley Committee: Middlesbrough Borough Council supported and chaired the Committee in 2021-2022. The last meeting took place on the 18th March 2022 and featured TEWVs response to their recent CQC inspection (published in December 2021), a North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) performance update, and a Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group (TVCCG) update on the development of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System (NENC ICS), the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the proposed sub-regional Integrated Care Partnership's (ICPs). Opioid prescribing rates across the Tees Valley (and actions taken to reduce overprescribing) were also discussed, and the Committee received an update on the previously completed Learning Disabilities Respite / Short Breaks review.</p> <p>As part of the well-established rotational arrangements, Darlington Borough Council will be chairing and supporting the Committee during 2022-2023 (as things stand, SBC will assume this role in 2023-2024).</p> <p>Regional Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.</p>
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

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Monitoring	
<p>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</p>	<p>The following progress update was received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Hospital Discharge (Phase 2: discharge to an individual's own home)</u></p> <p>The first update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in April 2022, with representatives from NTHFT, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT), TEWV and Five Lamps in attendance to highlight progress on those actions they were responsible for. A further update will be provided in approximately six months (October / November 2022).</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 (Jun 22) • Hospital Discharge (Phase 2) (Oct / Nov 22) • Multi-Agency Support to Care Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Task & Finish) (May 22)
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

Next Meetings
<p>Tuesday 10th May 2022 (4.00pm) Tuesday 14th June 2022 (4.00pm)</p>