

Health Select Committee

A meeting of Health Select Committee was held on Monday, 8th November, 2010.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains (Chair), Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley

Officers: Michelle Graham (R); Dawn Welsh (PP); Liz Hanley, Jane Humphreys, Glyn Roberts (CESC); Tanya Harrison, Peter Mennear (LD)

Also in attendance: Cllr Jim Beall (Cabinet Member for Adult Services); Ruth Hill, (NHS Stockton-on-Tees); Sue Smith (North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust); Shirley Erskine, James Newton (LINK).

Apologies: None

1 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Javed declared a personal non prejudicial interest in relation to the Efficiency, Transformation and Improvement Review of Fair Access to Care Services item due to working for Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust.

2 **Minutes for Signing - 5th July 2010**

The minutes of 5th July were signed by the Chair.

3 **Draft Minutes - 18th October 2010**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2010.

Matters Arising

Comments were received and considered following discussion on the NHS Walk-In Centre at Hardwick at the previous meeting which would be considered at a future meeting.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

4 **Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Review of Fair Access to Care Services**

Members considered the draft final report for the EIT review of Fair Access to Care Services.

Members approved the wording of the recommendations, subject to an addition to recommendation 10 in order to include a reference to the scrutiny monitoring process.

It was agreed that following the completion of the Chair's Introduction, Equality Impact Assessment and minor amendments, the report would go to Cabinet on 25th November.

CONCLUDED that the report be agreed and upon completion of the Introduction, Equality Impact Assessment and minor amendments, the report be submitted to Cabinet on 25th November.

5 **North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust - Consultation on priorities for Quality Account 2011-12**

Members received a presentation on the quality accounts for 2011/12 from the Director of Nursing and Patient Safety for the Foundation Trust. Members were advised on progress against the Trust's priorities for 2010-11:-

- Patient Safety (in particular the reduction of deaths, inpatient fractures and MRSA cases).
- Effectiveness of care (reduction of waiting time to two hours for Emergency Assessment Unit assessments upon admission)
- Experience (ensuring patients received care and compassion)

Members were advised that patient deaths, inpatient fractures and MRSA cases had all been reduced following implemented changes. The Trust had at one stage been free of any MRSA cases for eight consecutive months.

The hospitals aim was to report zero figures for above average patient deaths, inpatient fractures and MRSA cases; however it was acknowledged that there were many factors that could impact on achieving the aim.

The Director of Nursing and Patient Safety advised that consultation was taking place between patients, staff, governors, OSCs, LINKs, Commissioners and other stakeholders in order to gain feedback on the priorities for 2011-12.

Members supported the suggested retention of reducing mortality as a priority for 2011-12. Members discussed potential priorities under the themes of Effectiveness, and Patient Experience.

Members were advised that the Director of Nursing and Patient Safety held Quality Review Panel's with hospital staff. During the meetings feedback was provided on services, both compliments and concerns at which point discussion would take place as to how improvements could be made. Following the meeting the improvements were implemented.

The Director thanked the committee and LINK for their input in the 2010-11 Quality Account and for their joint third party response.

Members and LINK representatives agreed that they would submit a third party response for the next quality account.

The Director advised that the next year's Quality Accounts information would be reported in draft form to the Committee by February or March next year.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The Director of Nursing and Patient Safety would present draft information of the next years quality accounts to the Select Committee at a meeting in February or March 2010.

6 Work Programme

Members were advised that Executive Scrutiny had agreed that Health Select Committee would include in the work programme for the current year an officer-led EIT review of Adult Services structures.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

7 Chair's Update

The Chair advised that Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) had planned a consultation on the governance arrangements of the Trust due to a potential expansion of the Trust into other local authority areas in North Yorkshire.

The Chair would bring details to a future meeting.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The TEWV consultation will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.