

Health Select Committee

A meeting of Health Select Committee was held on Monday, 24th January, 2011.

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

Officers: Michelle Graham (R); Liz Hanley, Jane Humphreys, Sean McEneaney (CESC); Fiona McKie, Peter Mennear (LD).

Also in attendance: James Newton (LINK)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Cherrett, Cllr Javed.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

None

2 **Draft Minutes - 10th January 2011**

CONCLUDED that the draft minutes of 10th January 2011 were agreed as a correct.

3 **Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations - EIT Review of Fair Access to Care**

Members were requested to consider the Action Plans setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Efficiency Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Review Fair Access to Care would be implemented and target dates for completion.

The Officer's final report of the EIT Review of Fair Access to Care was considered by Cabinet on 25th November 2010. Cabinet accepted the recommendations contained within.

These recommendations were now subject to the procedure for monitoring the implementation of agreed recommendations. An Action Plan had been drawn up and was provided for members consideration.

It was requested that Members be updated prior to further communication with residents and clients, and any other significant actions when implementing the recommendations.

Members discussed support to voluntary and community sector organisations, and were informed that a further EIT review was planned to examine grants to organisations supporting independent living and carers.

CONCLUDED that the Action Plan be approved.

4 **EIT Task and Finish Review of Adult Service Structures - baseline presentation**

Members were provided with a presentation in relation to the EIT Task and Finish Review of Adult Service Structures.

It was proposed that the baseline information be presented at this meeting and the recommended options for the review be presented at the meeting on 8 March, 2011. It was noted that the report to be considered on 8 March would contain the principles that would be used to inform the future configuration of the service structure.

Members were provided with a briefing note on relevant legislation and a copy of the current Adult Strategy Service structures.

There had been a number of recent and proposed changes in relation to the structure of local adult social care and health services. The PCT had also changed their structure in December 2010. North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust had withdrawn financial support for joint management arrangements and it was anticipated that the PCT would also be withdrawing their

funding by the end of this financial year. Discussions were also ongoing in relation to the posts that were jointly managed by Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust. In addition, there have also been a number of changes in health policies by the new Government. This has resulted in there being a need to review the structure for Adult Services.

Initial consultation had begun with staff and Unions and they had been asked to submit any ideas/suggestions for improvement.

CONCLUDED that the information received be noted and that an options report be received on 8th March 2011.

5 North East Regional Scrutiny Review of the Health Needs of the Ex-Service Community - Outcome of Review

Members were provided with a copy of the North East Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's final report following their regional review of the Health of the Ex-Service Community.

The report will be considered by Stockton-on-Tees Cabinet and the Cabinets of the other 11 North East local authorities.

A launch event would be held to ensure that all of the organisations that this report impacts on were made aware of the report and its recommendations, in order to work together on their implementation.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

6 Tees Valley Health Joint Scrutiny Committee Update

Members were provided with the Tees Valley Health Joint Scrutiny Committee minutes of 13th December 2010.

The minutes for the meeting of 17th January 2011 had not yet been approved. The meeting discussed the ongoing review of capacity in local community mental services, the telephone triage process for the new out of hours GP service, the new national Ambulance Targets, and recent publications from the Department of Health in relation to the NHS White Paper.

CONCLUDED that the minutes be noted.

7 Work Programme

The next meeting would be held on 21st February 2011 to receive quarterly monitoring reports and the draft Quality Account of North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust.

All members of the Health Select Committee and all other Council Members had been invited to a presentation on End of Life Care on Wednesday 2nd February 2011.

At the meeting on 8th March 2011 Members would receive the options for the EIT Task and Finish Review of Adult Services Structure, and the scope for the EIT review of Mental Health and Learning Disability services.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

8 Chair's Update

The Chairman had received a number of information items:-

Stroke Services by Quality Commission (Report)
Health Watch - Making it Happen
Newsletter - Cardiovascular Network
Care Quality Commission - How to Work Together

Councillor Cockerill would attend the next Seminar on Personal Health Budgets and report back to

the committee.

Members were informed that the Care Quality Commission were undertaking a review of TEWV, and comments had been requested from the Committee on TEWV services. The Scrutiny Officer and Chair would draft a response.

CONCLUDED that the Chair's update be noted.