

Health Select Committee

A meeting of Health Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 8th March, 2011.

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

Officers: Jane Humphreys (CESC); Julie Nixon (DNS); Fiona McKie, Peter Mennear (LD).

Also in attendance: James Newton (LINK).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Baker and Cherrett.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Javed declared a personal/non prejudicial interest further to being employed by Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS.

2 **Efficiency, Improvement & Transformation Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services**

Members were asked to consider the draft scope for the review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services.

At the Executive Scrutiny Committee on 4th January, 2011, it was agreed to include the EIT review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services in the work programme for Health Select Committee.

The draft scope was provided to the Committee for their consideration and approval. It was anticipated that once the scope had been agreed, officers would undertake initial work in order to enable the new Committee formed after the election to receive baseline reports at its first meeting.

It was stated that the review would take approximately 9 months and would be a challenging review. It was stated that Council resources used to provide adult mental health and learning disability social care services and commissioned services would be covered by the review.

There would need to be an in depth consultation process throughout the review and this would particularly involve users and carers. It was also requested that the LINK be included in the consultation process.

CONCLUDED that the scope be approved and that baselining information be gathered in readiness for the meeting on 13th June 2011.

3 **EIT Task and Finish Review of Adult Service Structures - Options Report**

Members had received the baselining report in relation to the EIT Task and Finish Review of Adult Service Structures at their meeting on 24th January 2011.

Members were now provided with a copy of the options report that included the conclusions from the review and a proposed way forward.

The Joint arrangements with TEWV would be considered by Jane Humphreys following the EIT Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services. It was noted that the Adult Services Structure may need to be reviewed following the GP Consortia developments over the next 12 months.

The report would be presented to Cabinet on 17th March 2011 and if agreed a 90 day consultation process would then begin, due to the proposed reduction in the number of posts.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted and the recommendations be endorsed, ahead of submission to Cabinet.

4 Health Select Committee Review of Work 2007-11

Members were requested to consider the information outlining the work of the Select Committee during the period of 2007-11.

The Committee had undertaken a wide variety of work over the period of the current Council. This had included in-depth scrutiny reviews, Committee-led EIT reviews, responses to NHS consultations, and a number of other pieces of work in order to undertake its overview role.

The full report would be available for Members of the Public to view on the Council's Website.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

5 Tees Valley Health Joint Scrutiny Committee Update

The Committee were requested to consider an update on the work of the Tees Valley Joint Committee. Members were provided with the Minutes from the meeting held on 17th January.

The minutes for the meeting of 7th February had not yet been approved. The meeting discussed an update on the region's response to the recent cases of flu, a progress update on the re-design of out of hours GP services, and a progress update on the implementation of the re-designed sexual health service.

CONCLUDED that the minutes be noted.

6 Chair's Update

The Chairman informed Members that there was to be a national consultation on the review of Children's Congenital Heart Services. If Members had any views on the review the Chairman would raise them at the meeting of the Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on 24 March. In general Members felt that it was important to retain the service based at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle.

CONCLUDED that the Chair's update be noted.