

## Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2023

Scrutiny Review – Care at Home	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Committee's agreed final report was presented to Cabinet in January 2023 where all recommendations were subsequently endorsed.</p> <p>A draft Action Plan in relation to the review's recommendations was considered (and then agreed) at the Committee meeting in February 2023.</p> <p>One of the recommendations called for a joint letter from the SBC Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee to be sent to the relevant care minister and local MPs regarding the key findings of the review, reiterating the need for appropriate future support of the sector – this was drafted, agreed and emailed to the Minister of State (Department of Health and Social Care) on 20 February 2023 (hard-copy sent 21 February 2023), with copies sent to the two local MPs, one of whom had since sent the Minister of State subsequent correspondence with reference to the Committee's work.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	The first update on progress of the agreed actions in relation to the review's recommendations will be considered in 2023-2024.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p><b>Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) – Annual Report 2021-2022:</b> The TSAB Independent Chair presented the latest TSAB Annual Report to the Committee in January 2023. Members raised questions in relation to the high number of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) applications (compared to neighbouring Councils), and repeated queries raised during the presentation of the previous year's Annual Report (2020-2021) around Adults and Children's Services joint-working, and health professionals being less likely to identify safeguarding concerns due to Primary Care access limitations.</p> <p><b>CQC / PAMMS Report Updates:</b> The Committee considered the latest CQC quarterly report (Q3 2022-2023), including PAMMS assessment feedback published during this period, in February 2023.</p> <p><b>Public Health:</b> Due to the annual overview meetings not taking place in February (as usually scheduled), an update from Public Health has been requested outlining the impact of COVID on local health initiatives as well as the current situation around vaccinations and Strep A. This will be circulated electronically to the Committee once received and queries will be fed back to the</p>

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	service. Assurance has also been given the Director of Public Health Annual Report is in production and will be available for the Committee to consider once finalised.
<b>Requests for more information</b>	<b>Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) – Annual Report 2021-2022:</b> Further to discussions at the January 2023 meeting, TSAB provided follow-up information via a written submission – this was subsequently relayed to the Committee.

### NHS Updates / Consultations

<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<b>Chronic Pain:</b> The Committee received a presentation in February 2023 regarding the issue of chronic pain from a member of the NHS England Chronic Pain Stakeholder Group. Members were struck by the stated prevalence of this condition, and felt this was something which could, and should, be progressed further via the new Integrated Care Board / Integrated Care Partnership arrangements.
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

### Regional Health Committees

<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p><b>Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee:</b> As part of the agreed rotational arrangements, the chair and support function for the Committee is being undertaken by Darlington Borough Council during 2022-2023 (as things stand, SBC will assume this role in 2023-2024).</p> <p>The next formal meeting, and last of the current municipal year, is scheduled to take place on 17 March 2023. Agenda items include an update on NHS dental services within the Tees Valley, a Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) Quality Account presentation, a briefing on the development of Community Diagnostics Centres, and the Tees Valley Clinical Services Strategy.</p> <p><b>Southern Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee:</b> No meetings are currently scheduled.</p> <p><b>North East Regional Health Committee:</b> No meetings are currently scheduled.</p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

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Monitoring	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p>The following progress updates have been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Multi-Agency Support to Care Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Task &amp; Finish)</u> The second update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in January 2023. It was agreed that the one outstanding action (how the SBC contracting team, and the Care Home Protection Group, gains information and feedback from clients and families) could be deemed 'fully achieved', therefore no further progress updates will be required.</p> <p>Strategies for gaining friends and family feedback continue to be explored and evaluated by the Group. Processes are continuing to be developed to ensure that this remains consistent and that the Group's profile and pathways into the Group are seamless.</p> <p><u>Care Homes for Older People</u> The fourth update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this previously completed review was considered in February 2023. Progress was highlighted around activities programmes, use of technology to support personalised care, promotion of adult social care careers, and dementia friendly accreditation.</p> <p>Whilst all outstanding actions were deemed 'fully achieved', the Committee raised concerns in relation to recommendation 6 (<i>that all care homes be required to work towards Dementia Friendly accreditation as part of the new contract arrangements</i>) and the stated staffing issues within Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) which were prohibiting the future delivery of Positive Approach to Care (PAC) training. The Council was encouraged to continue pushing the need for this training with TEWV, and a further update on developments would therefore be required later in 2023.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care Homes for Older People (TBC – 2023-2024)</li> <li>• Hospital Discharge (Phase 2 – discharge to an individual's home) (Mar 23)</li> <li>• Day Opportunities for Adults (Mar 23)</li> <li>• Care at Home (TBC – 2023-2024)</li> </ul>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

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<b>Remaining 2022-2023 Scrutiny Reviews</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to GPs and Primary Care</li></ul>



<b>Remaining 2022-2023 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)</b>
Tuesday 21 March 2023