

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

Scrutiny Review – Access to GPs and Primary Care	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>An initial officer meeting was held in August 2023 to discuss this review topic with the two designated Link Officers (one SBC representative, one NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) representative).</p> <p>An initial draft scope and plan for this work has been collated and will be considered at the initial tri-partite meeting on 25 August 2023.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	A final draft of the scope and plan will be presented to the Committee at the meeting in September 2023 for approval. A background briefing will also be given to provide greater context around this topic.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Overview Report (Adults, Health and Wellbeing): During the first Committee meeting of the 2023-2024 municipal year (which took place in July 2023), Members considered an overview report detailing achievements and challenges / opportunities within the SBC Adults, Health and Wellbeing directorate. With a focus on Adult Social Care, Strategy and Transformation, and Public Health, a number of issues were explored including the new Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection regime, continuing to raise the profile of those working in the care sector, the benefits from the Council's Well-Led Programme, successful partnership-working with local NHS Trusts (particularly in relation to facilitating timely discharge from hospital), and tobacco control / vaping.</p> <p>CQC / PAMMS Report Updates: The Committee considered the latest CQC quarterly report (Q4 2022-2023), including PAMMS assessment feedback published during this period, at its meeting in July 2023. To assist the Committee (the majority of which is comprised of new Members), officers proposed the submission of a briefing on the number of care providers currently operating across the Borough.</p> <p>In related matters, the PAMMS Annual Report (Care Homes) for 2022-2023 is being collated by the SBC Quality Assurance and Compliance (QuAC) Team and will be presented to the Committee in the near future.</p> <p>Public Health: Still awaiting confirmation of when the SBC Director of Public Health Annual Report will be available for the Committee to consider.</p> <p>Healthwatch: The Committee are due to receive an overview of the Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees Annual Report 2022-2023 at</p>

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	its next meeting in September 2023.
Requests for more information	None

NHS Updates / Consultations

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Dentistry: As of 1 April 2023, the ICB took on commissioning responsibilities for NHS dentistry (along with pharmacy and optometry). A review into oral health and care was commissioned to bring together existing intelligence and to work with key partners across the North East and North Cumbria to develop an in-depth understanding of the current issues regarding the state of oral health, and the commissioning and provision of oral health and care services – this was to include the views of the public and partners, and an evaluation of current services. Recently, NENC ICB unveiled an initial plan to protect services and address inequality in its most deprived communities – see: https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/news/posts/3m-boost-for-dental-services-in-north-east-and-north-cumbria/</p> <p>Separately, it was noted within the Health and Wellbeing Board minutes from March 2023 (which the ASCH Select Committee periodically consider) that there had been a recent announcement that a dentistry provider was ceasing services in Stockton – this would be followed-up as the Committee had not been made aware of such developments.</p> <p>Health Inequalities: Continuing attempts to address long-standing health inequalities, a three-year programme is bringing together the NHS and Councils with voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to tackle issues and do more to prevent ill health in the first place. Investment will support a range of initiatives, including extra support for the 'Deep End' network of GP practices in the region's most deprived communities. Further details can be found at the following link: https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/news/posts/35m-plan-to-improve-health-in-region-s-most-deprived-areas/.</p> <p>NENC ICB: To celebrate its one-year anniversary, the NENC ICB has produced an animation to highlight its achievements alongside partners – see the following link: https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/ou2gxojr/icb-year-1-animation.mp4</p>
Requests for more information	None

Regional Health Committees

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee: As part of the agreed rotational arrangements, the chair and support function for the Committee is being undertaken by SBC during 2023-2024.</p> <p>The last meeting, and first of the current municipal year, took</p>
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	<p>place on 28 July 2023. Agenda items included NENC ICB / local NHS Trust updates in relation to Tees Valley Breast Care Services and Community Diagnostic Centres, a North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (NEAS) response to recent CQC inspection outcomes and an independent review of the Trust, and a Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) presentation on their Lived Experience / Co-Creation work and the impact of their Lived Experience Directors.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 6 October 2023 – anticipated items are the NENC ICB Integrated Care Strategy Implementation (including the role of Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs)), along with TEWV updates on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Respite Provision.</p> <p>Southern Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.</p> <p>North East Regional Health Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.</p>
Requests for more information	None

Monitoring

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>No updates have been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</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 (September 2023) • Day Opportunities for Adults (TBC – late-2023) • Care at Home (TBC – late-2023 / early-2024)
Requests for more information	None

Remaining 2023-2024 Scrutiny Reviews

- Adult Safeguarding

Remaining 2023-2024 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)

Tuesday 19 September 2023	Tuesday 23 January 2024
Tuesday 24 October 2023	Tuesday 20 February 2024
Tuesday 21 November 2023	Tuesday 19 March 2024
Tuesday 19 December 2023	