

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Chair's Update – May 2024

Scrutiny Review – Access to GPs and Primary Medical Care	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The fifth (and final) evidence session for the review took place in March 2024 and considered patient / public views on this scrutiny topic, including feedback from the Committee's survey which had been issued to the Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) within each of the Borough's 21 general practices.</p> <p>Following completion of the evidence-gathering phase, the informal 'summary of evidence' session took place in April 2024 where the Committee reflected on all the information received during this review. Draft recommendations were then formulated.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The draft final report will be prepared and presented to the Committee for approval at its meeting in May 2024.
On track – yes / no	No – as previously noted in March 2024, due to the need for more time to collect / collate the patient / public views element, the Committee's final report will be presented to Cabinet in June 2024 (as opposed to the originally intended May 2024 meeting).

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV): Following consideration of the latest Care Quality Commission (CQC) quarterly report (Q3 2023-2024) at its meeting in February 2024, the Committee invited the TEWV Lead Governor to the April 2024 meeting to question what the Governors' view of this latest CQC report on the Trust was and what they were doing to address the concerns outlined by the regulator. Due to Cabinet changes made at the recent Annual Meeting, and following correspondence with senior TEWV officers, it is now anticipated that other relevant TEWV personnel will respond to the Committee at a forthcoming meeting.</p> <p>North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT): Quality Account 2023-2024: Representatives from NTHFT attended the Committee meeting in March 2024 to outline performance against the Trust's quality priorities for 2023-2024 and inform Members of emerging priorities for the next year. Once the Trust circulates its draft Quality Account document (around late-April / early-May 2024), the Committee's third-party statement will be collated and shared for comment / agreement.</p> <p>Care and Health Innovation Zone: The Committee has requested a briefing on this new initiative – it is envisaged that this will likely take place at the meeting in June 2024.</p>
Requests for more information	North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT): Quality Account 2023-2024: Several requests were made for additional information in relation to the presented Quality Account material – this included staff survey results, a breakdown of

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	Friends and Family Test (FFT) feedback per NTHFT department, and developments around physical access to the lung health service (this has subsequently been provided by the Trust and shared with the Committee).
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NHS Updates / Consultations

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>New Health Scrutiny Arrangements: A reminder that new health scrutiny arrangements began on 31 January 2024. The main focus of the changes is the removal of the power of health overview and scrutiny committees (HOSCs) to formally refer matters of concern relating to major service reconfiguration to the Secretary of State. Instead, the Secretary of State may act proactively, further to a request that he or she may receive from anyone – although such action would be subject to consultation with the HOSC, amongst others. Guidance has been produced by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) summarising these changes (see https://www.cfgs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024-01-09-HEALTH-SCRUTINY-PRIMER.pdf) – this has been circulated to the Committee.</p> <p>North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) Restructure: Following a recent organisational restructure, the main local link between the Committee and the NENC ICB has changed. An informal meeting between the Committee Chair and the new ICB Delivery Director for Stockton will be arranged in the near future, and these will continue on a quarterly basis as per previous arrangements.</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 was undertaken by SBC during 2023-2024 (<i>note: this responsibility will transfer to Hartlepool Borough Council for the 2024-2025 municipal year</i>).</p> <p>Following a Committee request, an informal briefing on Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust’s (TEWV) use of physical intervention / restraint (a source of previous Member concern) was arranged and took place on 4 March 2024.</p> <p>The last formal meeting took place on 15 March 2024, with items including both the TEWV and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (NEAS) Quality Accounts, and an update on the recent North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) restructure. Regarding the TEWV and NEAS items, third-party statements on behalf of the Committee will be collated and shared for comment / approval once the Trusts circulate their draft Quality Account documents.</p>
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	<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>The following updates have been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p>Care at Home: The first update on progress of agreed actions in relation to recommendations from the Committee's previously completed review of Care at Home was considered in March 2024. Key areas highlighted included the continuing promotion of the sector, technology developments to support service delivery, and recent fee uplifts for local providers. A number of actions were deemed 'on-track' as further evidence of implementation as part of the quality assurance process was required before these could be considered complete (it was noted that Care at Home providers were very much on board with these actions, though).</p> <p>Members commended the very comprehensive and well evidenced update, and were particularly pleased by the number of positive developments which had seemingly emerged from the Committee's recommendations and the subsequent associated actions. As several recommendations had actions that were yet to be achieved, a further update would be required later in 2024.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Opportunities for Adults (May 2024) • Care at Home (TBC)
Requests for more information	<p>Care at Home: The Committee asked how many people were currently doing the referenced Stockton Riverside College Health and Social Care courses, how many had registered on these courses following attendance at an Employment and Training Hub recruitment event, and how many places were available on these courses in total. Officers stated that details could be provided after the meeting.</p>

Next Scrutiny Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reablement Service

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Remaining 2024-2025 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)	
Tuesday 21 May 2024	Tuesday 19 November 2024
Tuesday 18 June 2024	Tuesday 17 December 2024
Tuesday 23 July 2024	Tuesday 21 January 2025
Tuesday 17 September 2024	Tuesday 18 February 2025
Tuesday 22 October 2024	Tuesday 18 March 2025