

TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

2nd July, 2012

PRESENT -

Representing Darlington Borough Council:

Councillors Newall and J. Taylor.

Representing Hartlepool Borough Council:

Councillors Fisher and Hall.

Representing Redcar and Cleveland Council:

Councillors Carling, Hunt and Mrs Wall.

Representing Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council:

Councillors Javed, Wilburn and Mrs M. Womphrey.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Todd, Durham County Council and Councillor Skilbeck, Hambleton District Council.

APOLOGIES – Councillor H. Scott (Darlington Borough Council), Councillor S. Akers- Belcher (Hartlepool Borough Council) and Councillor Dryden (Middlesbrough Council).

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – A. Metcalfe (Darlington Borough Council), S. Gwilym (Durham County Council), L. Stones (Hartlepool Borough Council), J. Ord (Middlesbrough Council), M. Ameen (Redcar and Cleveland Council) and P. Mennear (Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council).

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES –

David Brown, Director of Operations – Tees, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys Foundation Trust. Paul Carter, Contract Manager, North East Primary Care Services Agency (NEPCSA).

Sarah Marsay, Engagement Manager, NHS Tees

John Stamp, Mental Health and Learning Disability Lead, NHS Tees

Due to there not being a representative present from each of the Tees Valley Local Authorities, the meeting was inquorate and an informal meeting was held.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR – AGREED – That Councillor Newall (Darlington Borough Council) be appointed as Chair of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR – AGREED –That Councillor Javed (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council) be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Mrs Wall (Redcar and Cleveland Council) declared a Personal and Non-Prejudicial Interest in respect of any matters arising in relation to the North East Ambulance Service NHS Trust as she is related to a number of employees.

4. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee held on 23rd April 2012.

AGREED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

5. PROTOCOL – TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE – Submitted – The Protocol governing the operation of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee (previously circulated), which had been updated to take into account the changes within the local NHS and other developments.

AGREED – That, subject to the inclusion of the Shadow Clinical Commissioning Groups, the protocol for the operation of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee, as submitted, be approved.

6. RE-PROCUREMENT OF THE DENTAL ANXIETY MANAGEMENT AND SEDATION SERVICE FOR NHS TEES AND NHS COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON – NHS Tees and NHS County Durham and Darlington submitted a report (previously circulated) explaining the current dental anxiety management and sedation services for the populations of Teesside, County Durham and Darlington which were currently provided on a two-tier basis. It was noted that the current contract was due to expire and, as a result, a service review was currently being undertaken. NHS Tees and NHS County Durham and Darlington, had carried out an internal review of the current service which informed the procurement of a new service.

The Contract Manager, NEPCSA, outlined the aim of the procurement process to commission a high quality specialised dental conscious sedation referral service for those patients who met the referral criteria. As part of the proposed commissioning process, it was intended to remodel the service provision by commissioning Tier 1 (simple sedation techniques) and Tier 2 (alternative more complex sedation techniques) separately; reduce waiting times and ensure geographic equity of services. The service would be available for all residents within the locality NHS Tees and NHS County Durham and Darlington and at least one provider of basic conscious sedation techniques (Tier 1) would be located at three locations; North of the Tees, South of the Tees and County Durham and Darlington.. Additionally there would be one provider of advanced techniques (Tier 2) to be commissioned from one centrally located within the Borough of Stockton-On-Tees.

Particular reference was made to the dis-proportionate figures contained within the report which alluded to very high numbers being referred from the Stockton-On-Tees area. Members also discussed how Ward Councillors had been engaged as part of the consultation; how the new service was expected to reduce the current waiting time to 18 weeks; for Tier 1 service unevenness of provision, whether one, tier-two provision across the large area was adequate and whether water being fluoridated had influenced the low numbers of patients accessing from the west side of County Durham..

In response to a question, the Contract Manger outlined the variety of clinical indicators which might indicate the need to use conscious sedation, including the patients age, patients that were anxious or phobic, patients with movement disorder and with physical and/or mental disability (including dementia), to enable a particularly unpleasant and complicated procedure to be carried out without distress to the patient and to avoid the need for general anaesthesia.

AGREED – That the Chair, in conjunction with the Vice-Chair, be authorised to respond to the consultation, taking into account the above comments, on behalf of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

7. REHABILITATION SERVICES – TEES, ESK AND WEAR VALLEYS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – The Director of Operations for Teesside introduced a power point presentation outlining the Trusts proposals for rehabilitation beds at Lustrum Vale. The Director explained that the Trust’s aim was to move towards a more recovery focused model with the approach that people with mental health issues should be able to live a full life with hope and optimism. The Trust wanted to be able to provide an improved environment for patients and support them in community placements and community living. The vision was to increase capacity, services and care within a couple of locations by moving the rehabilitation beds in Middlesbrough to Lustrum Vale. This would also make savings and increase staff at Lustrum Vale and enable the Trust to invest in community provision for patients with complex needs to remain in the community. The Director suggested bringing to the Joint Committee the consultation on the impact of moving the beds to Lustrum Vale and not on separate options.

The Director also briefed the Joint Committee on the current Crisis Review being undertaken. It was noted the crisis teams had changed over the years and that out of hours provision was no longer just about being on call and that there were four crisis teams located across the Tees Valley. The review aimed to enhance liaison services within acute hospitals and change the focus of the crisis teams, although, it was acknowledged, that work in relation to challenging behaviour of older people may influence these proposals. It was reported that the recent saving on moving beds from Lustrum Vale to Roseberry Park had enabled the Trust to allocate more resources on liaison services. Members expressed an interest in being kept informed about the proposals and future consultations.

AGREED – (a) That the presentation be noted.

(b) That the Director of Operations – Tees bring a consultation document to the Joint Committee for comments and queries prior to the consultation process commencing in respect of the reorganisation of rehabilitation beds.

(c) That the Director keeps the Joint Committee informed of any impending changes in respect of the on-going crisis team review.

8. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13 – The Director of Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) outlining the topics that the Joint Committee may wish to consider during the Municipal Year 2012/13. The Chair guided Members of the Joint Committee through the report and welcomed the Work Programmes of four of the Tees Valley Local Authorities.

Pursuant to the Minutes from the meeting held on 30 January 2012, it was recognised that undertaking a full scrutiny review on Prosthetic Services was not appropriate at this time given the huge agenda and hospitals changes happening this year. Members agreed that this year the Committee would have to be more reactive than proactive, however, it was agreed that an initial item should be brought to the Joint Committee for consideration in respect of Prosthetic Services to ascertain whether further scrutiny work is needed.

AGREED – (a) That the topics contained with the submitted report be agreed and that further consideration be given to the scheduling of those items

(b) That, given the magnitude of the work ahead, the Joint Committee agrees to continue to meet monthly.

(c) That the Work Programmes, submitted by the Tees Valley Local Authorities, be noted.

9. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – AGREED – That the following dates be agreed and that all meetings commence at 10.00am;

(a) Monday, 10 September 2012

(b) Monday, 8 October 2012

(c) Monday, 5 November 2012

(d) Monday, 3 December 2012

(e) Monday, 7 January 2013

(f) Monday, 4 February 2013

(g) Monday, 11 March 2013

(h) Monday, 15 April 2013