

20 November 2017

**Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks for People with Complex Needs
and/or Autism Consultation**

Summary

The Joint Committee is requested to consider a range of information to inform its response to the consultation. This includes:

- feedback from the Consultation Institute's Mid-point Review of Consultation Process;
- the views of Adult Social Care, and Parent and Carer Representatives.

Detail

1. Over the previous year, the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was updated with the progress of a review of NHS commissioned respite and short break services for people with complex needs and /or autism living in the Tees area. The review is being undertaken by Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and South Tees CCG, on a joint basis.
2. These proposals progressed to a formal public consultation. In order to enable those Councils that consider the proposals to be a 'substantial variation' of local health services to respond in line with the 2013 Regulations, this Joint Committee was established.¹
3. The public consultation ended on 10 November 2017. The Joint Committee has requested to be able to consider the results of the public consultation before it agrees its own response to the proposals.

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¹ In accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Public Health) Regulations 2013.

4. At the previous meeting, copies of the public consultation document and Easy Read document were circulated, and these are re-attached for reference at **Appendix 1**. This meeting is intended to allow the Joint Committee to consider further information to inform its response, as follows:
 - a) Representatives of the CCGs will be in attendance at the meeting in order to address to outstanding queries, and also provide feedback on the Mid-Point Review of the Public Consultation Process that was conducted by the Consultation Institute.

An updated version of the Frequently Asked Questions was produced and this is also now attached at **Appendix 2**.
 - b) Representation has been invited from Adult Social Care Services. The consultation response of Hartlepool's Adult Social Care is attached at **Appendix 3**.
 - c) Representation has been invited from Bankfields Court and Aysgarth Parent and Carer Groups, and advocacy services.
5. In addition a letter has been submitted to the CCG's from the Stockton North MP Alex Cunningham, and he asked for this to be shared with the Joint Committee. This is attached at **Appendix 4**.

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