

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Securing Quality in Health Services

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update members of the progress of the Securing Quality in Health Services project (formerly the Acute Quality Legacy Services project).

Background

2. At the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1 October 2012, a detailed report and presentation was given by Rosemary Granger, Project Director in respect of County Durham and Tees Valley Acute services' Quality Legacy project.
3. At that meeting, members were advised that the objective of the Quality Legacy Project was to reach consensus on the quality standards in acute services it was wanted to achieve, using levels of national best practice. The Project would identify opportunities for meeting these standards and assess the financial environment and workforce constraints in which such improvements may take place. The Project would support and enhance the commissioning of acute hospital services as Primary Care Trusts transferred their commissioning responsibilities to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) over the next year
4. It was previously reported that the outcome of the Acute Services Quality Legacy Project will be a synthesised set of analysis and clinical recommendations, supported by wider workforce and economic modelling that will help inform CCGs as they develop their commissioning plans and contracting intentions for the 2013/14 financial year and onwards. This will help ensure that the focus on sustainable, high-quality care remains the key driver for all organisations commissioning or providing secondary care for the patients of County Durham, Darlington and Tees as the next phase of NHS reform begins. The report will also describe the next steps and the process for taking forward the recommendations.
5. The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of its agreed work programme have asked that the Quality Legacy Project report and recommendations be presented to the Committee.

Current Position

6. Following the transition from the Primary Care Trusts to Clinical Commissioning Groups, the project has been renamed 'Securing Quality in Health Services' (SeQIHS).
7. A report on this issue has also been considered by the Durham Health and Wellbeing Board and is attached to this report. (Appendix 2)
8. Rosemary Granger, Project Director, will be in attendance to provide an update to members which will highlight the main findings and recommendations of the project.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to note the information contained within the report and agree to receive further update reports on the project as part of the Committee's work programme.

Background Papers – None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – None

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None.

Procurement - None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None