

POLICY REVIEW: HOSPITAL DISCHARGE – EVIDENCE FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 8th June 2011 the Scrutiny Committee agreed to pursue a review of Rehabilitation and Early Supported Discharge from Hospital.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise members of evidence to be presented at the meeting about how Community Health Services support hospital discharge services. Bev Atkinson, Managing Director of Community Health Services for NHS South of Tyne and Wear will be at the meeting to provide information to the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The aim of the review is to establish how effectively health and social care services are working in partnership to support timely discharges from hospital and promote independence in community settings.
- 2.2 Members will recall the Scrutiny Committee has at previous meetings received briefings about the Transforming Community Services (TCS) programme which required that all PCTs should increase the separation between the commissioning and providing parts of the organisation. South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust was the chosen management partner for the Transforming Community Services process.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Transforming Community Services is a new model of care and partnership working across South of Tyne & Wear.
- 3.2 The services under the TCS umbrella include:
 - district nursing
 - health visiting
 - specialist nursing care supporting patients with diabetes
 - respiratory disease and heart disease
 - school nursing
 - community matrons
 - palliative care
 - community dentistry
 - substance misuse and sexual health

- speech and language therapy
- audiology
- podiatry

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive the evidence from the service provider at the meeting to support the ongoing policy review.

5. Background Papers

Policy Review reports to Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee: – 6 June 2011 - Work Programme and Policy Review; 19 July 2011 – Scope of Review; 6 September 2011 – Setting the Scene.

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