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## **SOUTH TEES JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was held on 20 February 2017.

**PRESENT** Councillor Goddard (Chair),  
Councillors Cooney, Holyoake, O'Brien, Rooney  
and Watts.

**OFFICIALS** D Boville and A Pearson.

**IN ATTENDANCE** J Bailey – Partnership and Innovations Manager,  
South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group  
C Blair – Associate Director, Commissioning,  
South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group  
S Clayton – Senior Communications and  
Engagement Development Officer, South Tees  
Clinical Commissioning Group  
B Cox – Service Manager, Clinical & Diagnostic  
Support Services, South Tees NHS Foundation  
Trust  
J Stevens – Commissioning and Delivery  
Manager, South Tees Clinical Commissioning  
Group

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors  
Dryden, McGee, Walker and Walters.

1. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2016 be  
confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2. **URGENT CARE**

The Commissioning and Delivery Manager for the South Tees Clinical  
Commissioning Group (STCCG) gave a presentation on the  
implementation of the Urgent Care programme which would start from 1  
April 2017.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were raised:

- Work was being undertaken with the pharmacies to ensure appropriate provision across the area, particularly at weekends. Overall, pharmacy provision had increased over the past year.
- The CCG was working closely with Alliance, which included the North East Ambulance Service and South Tees Hospitals Trust, to deliver the GP out-of-hours service.

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- A pool of 5 local, experienced GPs would be based in A&E 5 days a week, seeing to the elderly and frail patients. The GP hubs would still be available on weekends.
- Changes to services would be communicated through local newspapers and radio stations.
- Work was being done to ensure only people who needed to go to A&E were treated there. If patients should instead be seen by their GP or pharmacist, they would be directed accordingly.
- The Symphony Electronic System allowed 111 operators to book appointments with a callers GP out-of-hours:-**NOTED**

3. **GUISBOROUGH HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT**

The Commissioning and Delivery Manager for the STCCG gave a presentation on the planned major redevelopment of the Priory Block at Guisborough Primary Care Hospital starting in 2017.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were raised:

- £4m of investment funding had been secured.
- Over 50 people attended the engagement event.
- The clinical services currently being offered would remain.
- Work was ongoing to secure more outpatient services to the hospital.
- The refurbishment would take a year, but the existing services would be delivered from the site during that time:-**NOTED**

4. **LIFE STORE UPDATE**

The Partnership and Innovations Manager and Senior Communications and Engagement Development Officer for the STCCG gave a presentation on the range of services funded by the STCCG including weight management, smoking cessation and sexual health.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were raised:

- The smoking cessation service in Middlesbrough had changed location; the services in Redcar & Cleveland had remained the same.
- There had been no negative feedback from the sexual health service.
- The number of talking and audiology service attendances had increased.
- It was felt that the services now being offered provided better value for money than the life store:-**NOTED**

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5. **BREAST RADIOLOGY SERVICES**

The Service Manager, Clinical & Diagnostic Support Services for South Tees NHS Foundation Trust presented an update on the provision of breast services across the South Tees area along with an update relating to the Friarage Hospital and York collaboration.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were raised:

- Patients currently had to travel to North Tees for this service.
- Work was ongoing to develop a redesigned, bespoke breast clinic for South Tees' patients within James Cook University Hospital. North Tees would still provide specialist support for this.
- Efforts to recruit an advanced practitioner for clinical radiology for South Tees had proved unsuccessful.
- Opening times were yet to be agreed, 1-stop clinics currently operated on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Everything would be in place for 1 July 2017:-**NOTED**