Adult Learning Disability Respite update:

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys

- 2018/19: CCG review and consultation resulting in Secretary of State involvement and independent review panel (IRP) report 2019.
- January 2020: CQC inspection resulting in a 'must do' action relating to compliance with the Mixed Sex Accommodation (MSA) regulation
- March 2020- Sept 2021: Intermittent service offered across the two units (11 to 6 beds respite) due to the pandemic, staffing and IPC constraints. Families were offered the option to optimise the number of nights they received through using the two units differently (ie: one male, one for female or one for complex needs and one challenging behaviour). The majority of families opted to keep things the same.
- Current state: both units continue to offer a service at reduced capacity that enables both IPC and the MSA regulations are met. Workforce challenges continue in line with all other health and social care provision.
- Future state: The initial set of architect plans have been received exploring 4 options; remodel existing building, new build and use of two other TEWV estates. Option appraisal completed in respect of benefits with the exception of 'Achievability' as this required expert technical input. Work started to identify the staffing models associated with each option with a view to have these costed
- Timescale: Options paper developed by the project group to be presented April 2022 for approval
- Family Carers: Representatives sit on the project group and involved in developing the above options appraisal. Families are in the process of being invited to review the options discussed above to increase their number of nights whilst we go through the options appraisal for a more sustainable service.