

AGENDA ITEM: 5 (b)

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL  
23 FEBRUARY 2005**

**EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS REVIEW: EVIDENCE FROM THE TEES  
AND NORTH EAST YORKSHIRE TRUST( MENTAL HEALTH AND  
LEARNING DISABILITIES)**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce to the Health Scrutiny Panel representation from the TNEY Trust.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That Members note the evidence received from the TNEY Trust.

**EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS REVIEW – EVIDENCE**

3. On December 21 2004, the Health Scrutiny Panel received evidence from Directors at the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust regarding Emergency Admissions at James Cook University Hospital. The Directors in attendance set the scene for the Panel and highlighted some of the key issues facing acute services within this field.
4. The Panel was also advised of a letter which had been received from the Chair of the South Tees Trust outlining the issues that she felt were most pertinent to a review into Emergency Admissions. Most of the issues the Chair raised were encompassed within the agreed terms of reference, although one area was raised which was not. This area was the rate of episodes presenting at Emergency Medicine facilities with a psychiatric element to the case, specifically self-harming and especially amongst young men. The Panel was grateful this matter was brought to its attention and consequently agreed to consider it as part of the Review. As a result of this, part b) of the Terms of Reference for the Review has now been adjusted to read as follows

- b) To investigate why the numbers of emergency admissions into JCUH are at their current level, with specific attention being paid to those with a psychiatric element to them.
- 5. It is to this end that representatives from the TNEY Trust are in attendance today. The Panel may wish to enquire as to how the local health economy can co-ordinate activities to address the issue in the future and what is currently in place to deal with the issue.
- 6. The Panel may wish to enquire specifically around how the drive for more community based care in Mental Health, the diminishing reliance on hospital based care, could impact on the rate of emergency episodes with a mental health element to them.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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