

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL  
8 JUNE 2005**

**EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS REVIEW – FURTHER EVIDENCE FROM  
THE SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce to the Panel a representative of South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust, to assist the Panel in its consideration of Emergency Admissions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Panel notes the evidence conveyed by the South Tees Trust.
3. That following the evidence received from the South Tees Trust, the Panel begins to consider the content of a Final Report.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

4. As part of a Review into Emergency Admissions, the Panel has taken evidence from a wide variety of sources. So far this has included South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust, Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust, the Tees & North East Yorkshire NHS Trust and the Council's Social Care service. The Panel has also conducted site visits to James Cook University Hospital, Carter Bequest Community Hospital and the Intermediate Care Centre.
5. As the above suggests, the Panel has considered a lot of themes connected with the topic of Emergency Admissions, from different perspectives within the Health & Social Care sector.
6. As a result of the information received, the Panel has shown a particular interest in one element of topic. That is, establishing to what extent a revolving door exists for some service users between acute care and community/intermediate care.
7. The Panel has previously been interested in how people are discharged from the acute setting and to what extent a care package, together with the necessary assessments is provided.

8. It is to this end, that a representative from South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust has been invited to talk to the Panel at today's meeting. Of particular interest to Members will be information on current discharge practices, the processes in place when dealing with a discharge and which agencies are routinely involved in considering whether a patient is appropriate for discharge and what services they will require, if any, following discharge.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. No background papers were used in this report

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