

AGENDA ITEM: 4

## HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

14 JUNE 2006

### THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL IN 2006/7

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To advise the Panel of potential work programme topics for 2006/7.
2. To request that the Panel, following consideration of the topics it would like to consider in 2006/7, sets its work programme.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Panel considers the information presented and agrees its work programme for 2006/7.

#### CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. To provide the Health Scrutiny Panel with a range of information, extracted from various sources to assist in the consideration of suitable topics for inclusion into the Panel's Work Programme.
5. The Health Scrutiny Panel needs to develop a Work Programme for the 2006/07 Municipal Year, together with a timeframe for each review, for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Board in June. Detailed terms of reference can be developed at the start of each review.
6. To this end the Strategic Plan, the Forward Work Programme, Director of Social Care, the Chief Executives of local NHS Trusts, the Executive Member for Social Care & Health, Patients Forums, Councillors and members of the public have been the main sources for this paper.
7. It should, however, be appreciated that some of the areas detailed below are continually evolving and further details will emerge throughout the year.
8. In addition to establishing the Panel's Work Programme, the Panel may consider it appropriate to receive illustrations from representatives of the local health economy in relation to impending legislation and to respond on an ad hoc basis to emerging

issues which would be considered appropriate for an investigation or review to be undertaken.

9. The Panel is also reminded that under the terms of the Local Government Act 2000, local authorities have a responsibility of community leadership and a power to promote community well being. In addition, therefore, to the Scrutiny Panel's specific health scrutiny powers, scrutiny panels have the power to consider **any** matters which are not the responsibility of the Council but which affect the local authority **or** the inhabitants of its area.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Executive Member for Health &amp; Social Care</b>	<b>Director of Social Care</b>	<b>Topical Issues nationally</b>	<b>Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Non-executive Councillors</b>	<b>Middlesbrough PCT</b>	<b>South Tees Hospitals Trust</b>
The provision Smoking Cessation Services and their effectiveness				X		X	
Healthy Living Projects						X	
The provision of Sexual Health Services and their effectiveness						X	
Roll out of Choose & Book initiative and its impact						X	
Hospital Acquired Infections			X				X
Cancer Services – with a particular focus on waiting times for treatment			X				X
Drugs Service – Is a community based service the best approach?	X	X		X			
National Service Framework for Neurological Conditions – How are services planned to ensure that the standards are met?	X	X					
Physical Disability Strategy – Is it effective?	X	X					
AIDS & HIV services – Do they meet the needs of modern Middlesbrough's population?	X	X					
The Patient Journey – how effectively do different parts of the NHS interact with each other in relation to patient care?			X				
Middlesbrough's Sewerage System & its impact on public health					X		

10. Members are invited to consider the above table, together with any additional issues they would like to raise and set the Panel's work programme for the year 2006/7.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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