

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**23 AUGUST 2006**

**REVIEW INTO HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS -  
EVIDENCE FROM SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust to the Health Scrutiny Panel.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes the information received, in relation to the wider review.
3. That the Health Scrutiny Panel asks any questions felt appropriate to the overall review.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

4. As the Panel will be aware, the topic of Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAIs) is high profile and receives substantial coverage in the media on a regular basis.
5. HCAIs are of most concern on hospital sites, so accordingly acute trusts are heavily involved in the combating of such infections. In advance of the Panel considering the matter of HCAIs in detail, it was felt it would be advantageous for the Panel to receive a 'setting the scene' briefing on the subject.
6. It is to that end that representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust will be in attendance today. A team from the Trust will provide the Panel with a briefing of the main issues pertinent to HCAIs and will answer any preliminary questions which the Panel has.
7. It is anticipated that the briefing will also assist the Panel in assessing which lines of inquiry it would particularly like to explore further in its review.

8. It is anticipated that today's meeting will be an initial evidence gathering session, with the Panel meeting again with the South Tees Trust as the review continues.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. Please see the attached presentation from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust, which will be covered by the speakers from the Trust.

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