

AGENDA ITEM: 4

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**23 OCTOBER 2006**

**HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS – FURTHER EVIDENCE  
FROM THE SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust, in attendance today to discuss the recent Department of Health visit in relation to Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAIs).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel take note of the evidence provided and incorporate the evidence gathered into the overall review of the Panel.

**CONSIDERATION**

3. As Members of the Panel will be aware, representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust have been in attendance at past meetings of the Health Scrutiny Panel, to provide evidence in relation to the Panel's ongoing review into Healthcare Associated Infections.
4. During the course of the review to date, the Panel has learnt that the South Tees Trust was due to host a team from the Department of Health at the end of August and start of September 2006. The purpose of that visit was to consider the incidence of HCAIs within the Trust and the associated plans to combat such instances.
5. The Panel has previously expressed an interest in hearing about the Department of Health visit and its associated outcomes/plans for action.
6. It is to this end that senior representatives of the South Tees Trust, including the Trust Chair, will be in attendance at today's meeting. It is anticipated that the Trust representatives will initially outline the details of the Department of

Health visit, including the outcomes or recommended actions for the Trust to take. Following this presentation, Members of the Panel are invited to ask any questions they have to aid evidence gathering or seek any points of clarification.

7. Members may wish to explore such themes as: the reason for the visit, the Department of Health's thoughts on current HCAI rates within the South Tees Trust and what actions are proposed/recommended to tackle further the rate of HCAIs. The evidence gathered at today's meeting will inform the content of the Panel's final report and may inform any conclusions and recommendations the Panel may wish to make.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. No background papers were used in the production of this report.

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