

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

18 JULY 2007

**MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNITY
HEALTH PROFILE 2007**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide the Health Scrutiny Panel with sight of the Middlesbrough Health profile 2007.
2. To facilitate a discussion between the Health Scrutiny Panel and public health professionals regarding the Health Profile for Middlesbrough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes the contents of the attached Health profile for Middlesbrough 2007.
4. That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes the contributions of the public health professionals and considers how best to allow that information to inform the Panel's future work.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

5. As Members will be aware, as part of an initiative to increase the amount of locality based public health information, the Department of Health funds Public Health Observatories in producing reports on each local authority area.
6. The reports produced by the Public Health Observatories outline key public health information for the area concerned, including life expectancy by ward, income inequalities, health inequalities and death rates from conditions such as cancer, heart disease and strokes.
7. At the end of June 2007, the 2007 Middlesbrough profile was published¹. The profile is attached to this report. It is a succinct paper, which presents the key

¹ The Middlesbrough Profile for 2006 can be accessed at www.communityhealthprofiles.info

information, and as such it is not proposed to repeat the contents in this covering report.

8. At today's meeting, the Tees wide Director of Public Health and a public health specialist from the North East Public Health Observatory will be present. This is so the Panel can discuss the key findings of the profile, what they mean for local health services and how the agenda can be taken forward. It may also benefit the Health Scrutiny Panel to enquire as to where more detailed information can be found.
9. It is also suggested that the Panel may wish to bear in mind the contents of the Profile when considering matters it wishes to consider in its 2007/8 work programme.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. Please see the attached copy of the Middlesbrough Health Profile 2007.

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