

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**30 OCTOBER 2007**

**HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS: AN UPDATE FROM  
THE SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce representatives from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust, in attendance to provide an update on Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAIs).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel note the content of the briefing from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust, ahead of asking any questions felt appropriate.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. During the 2006/7 municipal year, the Health Scrutiny Panel conducted a review into HCAIs, the impact they have on local health services and how they are being tackled. That investigation produced a Final Report, the Executive Summary of which is attached to this introductory report.
4. As part of that Final Report, the Health Scrutiny Panel asked for periodic updates on progress at James Cook University Hospital in tackling HCAIs.
5. Given the topic's high national profile at present, it was felt that it would be an opportune time to receive an update on the incidence of HCAIs at James Cook University Hospital and what steps are being taken to combat the matter.
6. It is to this end that representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust will be in attendance at today's meeting to provide an update. Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel may wish to focus specifically on issues such as present rates for HCAIs against targets, how they compare with comparable facilities and the actions/ campaigns that the Trust is currently engaged in to further reduce incidences.

7. It is anticipated that the South Tees Trust will make a presentation initially, ahead of a wider debate.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. Please find attached an Executive Summary of the Health Scrutiny Panel's Final Report, published in March 2007.

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