



AGENDA ITEM: 6

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

8 MAY 2008

SCRUTINY REVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Panel of the progress achieved with the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of scrutiny reports since the last update.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The electronic Scrutiny Monitoring Database was introduced in June 2003, to enable Members to track the implementation of agreed Executive Action Plans. The database is accessible through the lotus notes system.
3. As agreed by the OSB, the scrutiny panels will receive quarterly updates on the progress of scrutiny recommendations and in particular the actions that have not been successfully implemented.
4. Provided within Appendix A is a position update for the following reports :-
 - Tobacco Control within Enclosed Public Places
 - Out of Hours Services
 - Respite and Palliative Care Services for Children with Life Limiting Illnesses
 - Choose and Book
 - Healthcare Associated Infections
5. Since the implementation of the monitoring system, the Health Scrutiny Panel has produced a total of **80** recommendations, of which **73** should have been implemented by March 2008. The agreed Executive actions which have not been implemented by the proposed target date are presented in Appendix A.
6. To summarise, of the **73** Executive actions which should have been implemented by March 2008:-
 - **67** have been implemented
 - **5** are partially complete
 - **1** has not been implemented

7. All of the agreed Executive actions for the following reviews have been completed:
- **(July 03)** Review of District General Hospital Services
 - **(Sept 03)** Review of Patient & Public Involvement
 - **(Mar 04)** Appropriate Hospital Care for Older People
 - **(May 04)** Dental Health
 - **(May 05)** Healthy Living Review
 - **(Sept 05)** Emergency Admissions into James Cook University Hospital

These reports have now been archived within the database.

RECOMMENDATION

8. That the Panel considers the information presented in Appendix A and agrees an appropriate course of action regarding the recommendations that have not been implemented by the proposed target date.
9. In an attempt to maintain 'continuous feedback' Members may wish to revisit topics to monitor the progress being made. Members may request that evidence of impact and results should be presented to the scrutiny panel.
10. As part of the scrutiny evaluation process, Members may consider inviting back individuals or groups that have previously given evidence to inform a scrutiny review or inquiry to discuss whether there has been any discernible change in the service provided since the recommendations were approved and implemented.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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