

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

18 JUNE 2008

**AUDIOLOGY REVIEW:
DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present a DRAFT Final Report, following the Health Scrutiny Panel's review into Audiology Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel consider the attached DRAFT report and consider whether the DRAFT conclusions are consistent with the views of the Panel, and what recommendations the Panel would like to make.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. From February to May 2008, the Health Scrutiny Panel considered the topic of local audiology services, after learning of lengthy waiting times across the South Tees area. Through the course of the review, the panel spoke to representatives of the Middlesbrough Deaf Centre and the local NHS. The Panel also visited the James Cook University Hospital's audiology section.
4. Following that review, the attached DRAFT Final Report has been prepared for comment and consideration. Members are invited to consider the evidence detailed in the attached DRAFT Final Report and consider the whether the DRAFT Conclusions represent the views of the Panel and whether any recommendations are felt necessary.
5. Once the DRAFT Final Report has been amended (if felt appropriate) and approved by the Panel, it will progress to the Overview & Scrutiny Board for ratification, ahead of being referred to the relevant NHS agencies.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

6. Please see attached DRAFT Final Report.

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