

AGENDA ITEM: 4

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

9 JULY 2008

PATIENT TRANSPORT TO AND FROM JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present a DRAFT Final Report, following the Health Scrutiny Panel's review into Patient Transport 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 Patient Transport to James Cook University Hospital, with a particular focus on attendance at outpatient appointments and following discharge. The Panel spoke to a number of representatives from the local NHS, in addition to the Middlesbrough Council Department of Social Care.
4. Following the 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 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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