

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

30 APRIL 2009

**STROKE SERVICES REVIEW – A BRIEFING FROM THE STROKE
ASSOCIATION**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from the Regional Director of the Stroke Association, in attendance at today's meeting to provide a briefing for the Panel, in advance of commencing the review of Stroke Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members note the content of today's briefing and give consideration as to how they may wish to proceed with the review into Stroke Services.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel will recall that at its meeting of 7 April 2009, Members discussed how they may wish to proceed with a review into Stroke Services.
4. It was felt that before the Panel speaks with local NHS organisations and carer groups to gather evidence, it would be a worthwhile exercise in receiving a briefing on Strokes. To this end, the North East Regional Director of the Stroke Association, will be in attendance at today's meeting to provide a briefing for Elected Members on what a stroke is, the different sorts of stroke, its rates of incidence and other such related information.
5. It is anticipated that following the briefing from the Stroke Association, the Panel will be in a position to consider likely sources of evidence it would like to pursue and the terms of reference it considers important. It is also anticipated that the Panel would be interested in seeking the views of the Stroke Association further, as the review develops.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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