

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

8 OCTOBER 2009

**CAR PARKING AT JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL –
A DETAILED RESPONSE FROM THE SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS
NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce to the Panel the detailed response from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, relating to the Panel's Report into Car Parking at James Cook University Hospital.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the content of the response from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
3. That the Panel considers what action it would like to take following its consideration of the response from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. The Panel will recall that in May 2009, a meeting was held by the Health Scrutiny Panel, in response to changes in car parking charges at James Cook University Hospital (JCUH), in force from 1 April 2009.
5. The Panel was keen to investigate the matter and considered the topic from the perspective of equity of access to services. The topic was investigated in one meeting and the Panel produced a report, which can be found at Appendix 1. Following receipt of that report, the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust submitted an initial response (at Appendix 2) addressing the points made by the Health Scrutiny Panel, whilst undertaking to provide a more detailed response by the end of September 2009.

6. The detailed response is now due and it is to this end that the Panel meeting today has been arranged. It is for the Panel to consider the Trust's response and consider how it would like to proceed with the matter. The South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust response had not been received by the deadline for circulation of these meeting papers. The response will be sent to Panel Members, under separate cover, as soon as it is received.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please see:

- Appendix 1 – Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel, May 2009.
- Appendix 2 – Initial Response from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, June 2009.
- The Detailed Response from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be sent to Panel Members as soon as it is received.

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