

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

12 NOVEMBER 2009

**HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS –
A BRIEFING ON CURRENT PERFORMANCE AT
SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, in attendance at today's meeting to provide a briefing on current performance at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) relating to Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAIs).

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the content of the briefing today.
3. That the Panel considers whether it would like to take any action based on the information it receives today.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. The Panel will be aware that the Health Scrutiny Panel considered the topic of HCAIs during the 2006/7 municipal year. One of the outcomes of that review was that the Panel should receive periodic updates on the rates of HCAIs in the STHFT and the progress of the STHFT in tackling HCAIs.
5. The Panel meeting today represents the Panel's latest opportunity to hear about current rates of HCAIs affecting James Cook University Hospital, and the steps that are being taken to address them.
6. It is anticipated that senior representatives from the STHFT will initially deliver a short briefing to the Panel, outlining the key messages with respect to the current picture in Middlesbrough and the steps being taken to tackle HCAIs. Following that, the Panel is invited to consider the questions it would like to ask and whether it would like to take any further action on the topic, or agree

to receive another update in around six to eight months. For the benefit of the Panel, the minutes of the Panel meeting when the last update was received are attached.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8 Please see attached minutes of the Health Scrutiny Panel on 15 January 2009.

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