

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

5 JANUARY 2012

HEALTH SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To ask the Health Scrutiny Panel to consider the topics it would like to consider during the remainder of the 2011/12 municipal year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel considers and decides the topics it would like to prioritise for attention in the remainder of 2011/12.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Panel will recall that it has recently completed a review into Neurological conditions, the final report of which is elsewhere on the agenda for today. It is now for the Health Scrutiny Panel to consider what other topics it would like to pay attention to.
4. The Panel will recall that at the start of the 2011/12 municipal year, the Panel expressed a strong interest in taking part in a joint piece of work with the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel, looking at the experiences of vulnerable older people in care settings. It may be that the Panel would be keen to now progress this area of work with colleagues in the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.
5. In addition, it is also suggested that the Panel may wish to consider a number of important national policy issues and how they are impacting upon the Health & Social Care Economy in Middlesbrough. The Panel may wish to spend some time understanding how the recently published NHS Operating Framework for 2012/13 will impact upon the working of the local NHS. The Operating Framework is essentially the government set priorities for the NHS in the coming year, so it is very much a 'must do' for the local NHS.
6. The Panel may also wish to spend some time considering how the health reforms are impacting upon the operation of the local health and social care

economy, specifically the establishment and early operation of the Local Health & Wellbeing Boards and its relationship with the emerging Clinical Commissioning Group.

7. The Panel may also wish to further consider how the local NHS is meeting its targets for financial efficiencies and what it means for the provision of local services.
8. The Panel is asked to consider whether it would like to investigate in detail the experience of vulnerable older people in care settings, in partnership with the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel. Further, the Panel is asked to consider what other topics it may wish receive regular updates/briefings on, as the year progresses.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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