

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

10 MAY 2012

**HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS – A BRIEFING FROM
THE SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce senior representation from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, in attendance at the Panel meeting to provide an up to date briefing on Healthcare Associated Infections at James Cook University and current statistics.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the content of the briefing received today and considers whether it would like to progress the matter any further, or keep the matter under a watching brief.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel will recall that it has previously considered the topic of Healthcare Associated Infections, their incidence at James Cook University Hospital and strategies for tackling them. The Panel completed a detailed final report on the topic during 2006/7. Since completing that piece of work, the Panel has periodically revisited the topic, to hear about current performance and progress made in dealing with Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAs).
4. Following discussion with the Chair, It was felt that it would be useful for the Panel to hear an update on the current position with reference to HCAs, at James Cook University Hospital. This will enable the Panel to establish where current performance lies, to hear about any issues of concern the Trust has and to assure itself of the action being taken. The Panel will also be able to hear about how the recent winter period impacted upon infection rates.
5. The Panel will be hearing from the Head of Infection Control and colleagues. It is anticipated that there will be a short briefing on current performance and HCAI statistics related to JCUH, ahead of the Panel making appropriate

enquiries. Following the briefing, The Panel is asked to consider whether it would like to pursue the topic further, or keep the matter under a watching brief.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

6. Members are referred to the presentation to be delivered at the Panel meeting, by senior representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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