

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 5

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

5 DECEMBER 2012

NHS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – AN UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representatives from NHS Tees, in attendance to update the Panel about the progress around developing NHS Emergency Planning & Preparedness, in advance of the NHS structural reforms due for implementation in April 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes the update received today and considers how it would like to progress its involvement in the NHS' Emergency Planning systems, in the new NHS organisational structures.

Consideration

3. The Panel will recall that it has previously held a strong interest in the topic of Emergency Planning/Preparedness in the local NHS and specifically how Emergency Planning/Preparedness will be approached in the local NHS, following the implementation of the new NHS structures.
4. The Panel will recall that it initially received a briefing on the topic at meeting in September from key NHS Tees personnel. That briefing centred how the division of responsibility for Emergency Planning/Preparedness, was being developed ahead of major NHS structural NHS reforms. At that meeting, the Panel heard that a major planning day would be taking place in early November, to test the emerging Emergency Planning arrangements.
5. As such, senior NHS Tees representatives will be in attendance at the meeting today to provide an update on where responsibilities for Emergency Planning/Preparedness will be placed and what progress is being made in ensuring that the transition to the new organisational structure is smooth.

6. It is anticipated that the NHS Tees representatives will initially provide a briefing to the Panel on progress made in preparing for the reallocation of responsibilities for Emergency Planning/Preparedness, due to the NHS re-organisation.
7. Following consideration of the briefing and any questions felt appropriate, the Panel is asked to consider how it would like to track progress in this field. It may be prudent for the Panel to ask for an update in February or March of 2013, before the new NHS structures (and new responsibilities) are implemented.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. Please see the Emergency Planning/Preparedness briefing that will be delivered at the meeting today.

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