

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 5

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

17 DECEMBER 2012

CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS – EVIDENCE FROM NHS TEES & THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce senior representation from NHS Tees and the Clinical Commissioning Group, in attendance today to present evidence relating to Children with Complex Needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the evidence submitted, make any enquiries felt pertinent and incorporates the evidence gathered into the overall review.

Consideration

3. As the Panel is aware, it is currently underway with a piece of work investigating the topic of Children with Complex Needs. The Panel has already received initial evidence from the Director of Public Health, on Low Birth Weight, with more analysis to come, concentrating on childhood immunisations in Middlesbrough.
4. At the meeting today, the Panel will hear evidence from NHS Tees & Clinical Commissioning Group. On behalf of the Panel, the following questions have been put to the NHS Tees & Clinical Commissioning Group. They have been addressed in a paper, prepared for the Panel.
 - 4.1 What is the definition of 'Children with Complex Needs' that NHS Tees uses to guide its operation?
 - 4.2 According to that definition, how many children with complex needs does NHS Tees pay for their ongoing care? At what cost?
 - 4.3 How well advanced/resilient is the local market for services aimed at Children with complex needs?
 - 4.4 Does, in the view of NHS Tees, the local market in services for children with complex needs, require further stimulation/development?

- 4.5 Does, in the view of NHS Tees, NHS Tees (and the coming CCGs) have a role to play in stimulating the market?
- 4.6 To what extent does NHS Tees commission with a focus on high quality outcomes for Children with Complex Needs?
- 4.7 How would NHS Tees describe its working relationship with the local authority, in relation to services for Children with Complex Needs?
- 4.8 How does NHS Tees work with the families of children with complex needs, to ensure that their feedback shape services and service design?
- 4.9 Does NHS Tees (and the CCG) have a view on what the future demand on such services will look like, as demographics change?
5. It is anticipated that representatives of NHS Tees & the CCG will initially speak to the prepared paper, ahead of addressing questions from the Panel. Following consideration of the paper and the associated debate, the Panel is asked to note the evidence submitted and incorporate it into the overall review.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

6. Please see briefing paper, prepared by NHS Tees & the Clinical Commissioning Group. That paper will be sent under separate cover.

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