

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

## HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

2 APRIL 2013

### CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS - CONSIDERATION OF THE EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PLANS

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce senior representatives of the local authority and the South of Tees Clinical Commissioning Group, in attendance to speak about the development of Education, Health & Social Care Plans.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel considers the evidence presented at the meeting today.
3. That the Panel considers, at the conclusion of meeting today, whether it has gathered sufficient evidence to move towards the production of a final report.

#### Consideration

4. The Panel will recall that at its meeting on 26 February 2013, it considered evidence from a senior officer in the local authority's education function, with reference to the education of children with complex needs. Specifically, the Panel was briefed on the advent of the Education, Health & Social Care Plans (EHSC Plans).
5. The detail around the EHSC Plans can be found in the papers submitted to the Health Scrutiny Panel on 26 February 2013 and the associated minutes. As Members will recall, the Panel was particularly interested in exploring the idea of the EHSC Plans and what they will mean for the planning of services, the provision of services to those in need of them and how such matters will be adequately funded.
6. To focus upon this point, key representatives from the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group will be attending the meeting today, to discuss the EHSC Plans, their introduction and use in Middlesbrough and how they will be funded.

7. In preparation for the meeting, the following questions have been put to the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

### **Questions of the South of Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**

- 7.1 *What is the CCG's current thinking about how it will approach its responsibilities in relation to funding for EHSC plans?*
- 7.2 *Does the CCG have any intelligence as to the likely necessary financial commitment related to EHSC's in Middlesbrough and the likely numbers of children involved?*
- 7.3 *Does the CCG consider there to be any potential problems with the introduction of the EHSC plan?*
- 7.4 *What does the CCG see as potential problems in the development of the EHSC plans?*
- 7.5 *How well developed is the relationship between the CCG and local authority in preparation for the requirement to discuss and progress EHSC plans?*

### **Questions asked of the Local Authority's Education function**

- 7.6 *What, thus far, have the national Pathfinder sites told us about the development of the EHSC Plans?*
- 7.7 *What, in the view of the Dept, will be the challenges for Middlesbrough in successfully implementing the EHSC?*
- 7.8 *What does the Dept feel will be the benefits that the EHSC Plans will deliver?*
8. It is anticipated that following introductions, those representatives in attendance at the meeting will outline their views to the questions above, and deal with any additional questions from the Panel.
9. At the conclusion of the meeting today, the Panel is asked to consider whether it feels as though it has gathered sufficient evidence to begin to develop a final report.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10. Please see the papers of the Health Scrutiny Panel on 26 February 2013.

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