

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

## HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

12 JANUARY 2016

### HEALTH INEQUALITIES

- **Cancer Screening and Reducing Cancer Related Deaths**

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present the committee with an outline of the meeting and introduce a number of professionals who are in attendance to provide evidence.

#### BACKGROUND

2. Members will recall that the panel received an overview on the topic of cancer screening and reducing cancer related deaths at the panel meeting held on 24 November.
3. The panel learnt that the number of deaths from cancer in Middlesbrough was above the national average. There were ten wards, located in east and central Middlesbrough with significantly more cancer cases than the England average.
4. It was highlighted that there was a decreasing trend in some cancers including male lung cancer, colorectal, breast and cervical cancers. However that there was an increasing trend in female lung cancer and prostate cancer. Members were also informed that when analysing the five year relative survival estimates in breast cancer that a gap was starting to appear between the Middlesbrough rate and the wider North East rate.
5. In order to address the key factors a multi-agency partnership entitled 'Middlesbrough Tackling Cancer Together' had been established – details of which are attached contained within agenda item 5.
6. The CCG will provide further information on the following areas:
  - a. What work is taking place in order to try and reduce the gap in cancer related deaths between the least deprived wards and the most deprived wards, in particular the innovative approaches to increasing screening uptake in deprived wards.
  - b. Work that is taking place to increase the public's awareness of cancer.

- c. Information on the Tees Cancer Strategy with regard to work being undertaken to prevent cancer and promote early detection.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

7. The following people will be in attendance at the meeting
  - a. Mark Reilly, Assistant Director, Public Health Intelligence, Tees Valley Public Health Shared Service
  - b. Leon Green, Public Health Intelligence Specialist, Tees Valley Public Health Shared Service
  - c. Dr Janet Walker, Chair, South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
  - d. Becky James, Health Improvement Specialist – Early Intervention & Prevention Improving Public Health, Middlesbrough Council
  - e. Dr Victoria Ononeze, Public Health Specialist, Tees Valley Public Health Shared Service

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8. That the panel notes the information submitted at the meeting today, discusses any further information required and agrees who they would like to invite to subsequent meetings on this topic.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- a) No background papers were used in this report.

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