

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

3 FEBRUARY 2016

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAMME

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide an introduction to the Better Health Programme (formerly known as SeQIHS – Securing Quality in Hospital Services) and consider the role of the panel in the programme.

BACKGROUND

2. The Better Health Programme is an initiative which focusses on the examination of acute hospital care and it aims to identify changes that might be required to achieve the desired standards of quality in hospital care across Darlington, Durham and Teesside. The work is being led by the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Foundation Trusts who are working with stakeholders and the local authorities.
3. As well as hospital care, the programme recognises the importance of well integrated out of hospital care provision and will also be looking closely at how primary, community and social care are connected in the area and how this can be improved in the future to meet increased demand.

IN ATTENDANCE

4. Edmund Lovell, Communications and Engagement Lead for the Better Health Programme will be in attendance to give more detailed information on the programme, discuss how Members will be involved and receive feedback. Further information will be provided in due course.

NEXT MEETING

5. For the panel's information, evidence gathering on cancer screening and reducing cancer related deaths will resume at the next meeting on 23 February. At that meeting, representatives from NHS England and the Macmillan Integrated Care Project will be attending to provide further information. This has been to allow enough notice for clinicians to be able to attend the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. That the panel notes the information submitted at the meeting today, and considers the role of scrutiny and how this will relate to the programme as it develops.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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