

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

23 FEBRUARY 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 information on the topic at their meeting on 12 January. By way of recap, this information covered the work of the Tackling Cancer Together Steering Group, where Members were informed about the array of work being undertaken in Middlesbrough across the whole cancer pathway, from the prevention and diagnosis stages right through to treatment and the Group provided a co-ordinating role for that work.
3. Members were informed of the various targeted public awareness campaigns and the pilot programmes to improve screening take up. The South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) also attended to inform Members about the work included in their Clear and Credible Plan to tackle cancer in the South Tees area. Members heard about the Deep End project which aimed to tackle inequalities as it was recognised that needs and consultations in deprived wards were multifaceted and complex. Nine GP practices in Middlesbrough's most deprived wards were working together to achieve better services for patients and better support to GPs.
4. At today's meeting the panel will be covering 2 areas.

The Macmillan Integration of Cancer Care Programme

5. At the panel's meeting on 12 February, Members were told about the excellent work that was being done through the Macmillan Integration of Cancer Care Programme. Members were keen to find out more about the work that was being undertaken on cancer pathways. Representatives from the Programme have been invited today to inform members about best practice and new and

innovative ways of working associated with this programme. Therefore Members will receive an outline of the programme, including the targeted work and the reasons behind that work. Details will also be given about the self-referral and open access initiatives taken place in the area of lung cancer. As the programme is an end-to-end pathway covering everything from pre-diagnosis to end of life care, Members will also be informed about the on-going work with survivors, dealing with issues such as employability and recurrence. Work which also involves working with partners in this area.

Cancer Screening

6. In order to gain a fuller picture NHS England have been invited to give their perspective on the following :
 - The screening process, what the current picture in terms of uptake rates and targets for cervical, breast and bowel screening are in Middlesbrough, and how we compare nationally.
 - An understanding of how the screening programmes are run, how are people invited, are they sent reminders if they don't attend, how often do people need to go, how easy are screening programmes to access in terms of location and opening times?

IN ATTENDANCE

7. The following people will be in attendance at the meeting
 - a. Carol Taylor, Macmillan Programme Manager, Macmillan Integration of Cancer Care Programme, South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust
 - b. Angela Wood, Macmillan Programme Sponsor, Consultant Haematologist and Chief of Specialty Medicine, South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust
 - c. Gary Owens, Associate Director: Transformation South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust
 - d. Kate Birkenhead, Senior Commissioner, NHS England

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. That the panel notes the information submitted at the meeting today and discusses whether any further information/evidence is needed on this topic.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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