



**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD
16 NOVEMBER 2004**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
PROGRESS REPORT**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Overview & Scrutiny Board on the progress of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Overview & Scrutiny Board notes the progress of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

3.0 PROGRESS

- 3.1 Since the last update to the Overview & Scrutiny Board, the Panel met on 18 October 2004, to consider the evidence so far received in its Healthy Living Review. In particular, it considered submitted documentary evidence from the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Welfare Rights and the Money Advice service.
- 3.2 Further to that, the Panel is due to hold a Healthy Living Seminar on 15 November, which will discuss multi-agency involvement with 'Healthy Living' and will hear from a range of speakers. Health Scrutiny Councillors from across the Tees Valley and representatives from partner organisations have been invited to attend. The significant number of acceptances received so far suggests there will be a diverse audience in attendance. It is anticipated that the seminar will be the final evidence gathering session, before a final report is produced.
- 3.3 The Panel's next Review is scheduled to be Emergency Admissions into James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough. Work has started on

researching this topic and scoping possible terms of reference. It is anticipated that a meeting will be held soon to set terms of reference.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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