

AGENDA ITEM: 11(g)

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD
3 MAY 2005**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
UPDATE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the progress of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members note the information provided.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. Since the last update, the Health Scrutiny Panel has met to receive further evidence on the topic of Emergency Admissions from a representative of Social Care. The Panel is particularly interested in establishing to what extent a revolving door exists for some people between hospital based care and primary, community based care.
4. A revolving door can sometimes occur when there is insufficient support for people leaving hospital and they may suffer a relapse or have an accident due to the lack of support. The Panel has received evidence regarding what services are available in this field and on the basis of the that evidence, the Panel wishes to consider the matter in further detail.
5. To this end, some Members of the Panel are to conduct further research, including a potential visit to community facilities and are to report back to the Panel.
6. Following this further evidence gathering, it is anticipated that the evidence will be assessed and a final report prepared as soon as possible.

7. The Health Scrutiny Panel will meet on 27 April 2005 to consider the parts of the Draft Corporate Plan which are within its remit, such as public health issues affecting the local population. It is anticipated that verbal feedback from that meeting will be presented at the OSB.
8. On a Tees Valley level, a Final Report has been prepared into the Advance proposals, put forward by the TNEY NHS Trust, to develop Mental Health & Learning Disability Services based in the Tees Valley. The Final Report is due to be discussed at this meeting of the OSB as another Agenda item.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. No background papers were used in the preparation of this Report.

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