

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD  
9 AUGUST 2005**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL  
PROGRESS REPORT**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To advise the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the progress made by the Health Scrutiny Panel.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That Members note the progress made by the Health Scrutiny Panel.

**PROGRESS MADE BY THE PANEL**

3. There has been considerable activity in the Health Scrutiny function since the last update to the Overview & Scrutiny Board. The Panel has agreed a Final Report on its review into Emergency Admissions, which will be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Board on 6 September 2005.
4. The Health Scrutiny Panel has also agreed the Terms of Reference of its next review, into Tobacco Control within enclosed public places. The Panel is currently identifying witnesses and other appropriate research material.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee met on 4 August 2005 to receive a number of briefing reports concerning developments over the summer in the local health and social care economy, including the upcoming Tees Review.
6. As an extension of this, the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is holding an informal briefing session on 15 August for Members, to hear from local NHS personnel about current 'live' issues. It is anticipated that a full statutory consultation over the Tees Review will commence at the start of the autumn period.

7. The Middlesbrough & Eston Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is due to meet on 10 August 2005 to agree its work programme for the municipal year 2005/6.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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