

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD
6 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
PROGRESS REPORT**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update the OSB on the progress of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the OSB notes the progress of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel is continuing with the review into Tobacco Control in enclosed public places. It is holding a meeting on 7 September 2005 to take evidence from Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust and the North East Public Health Observatory. This meeting will cover the activities entered into by the PCT to reduce the amount of smokers and statistical information on tobacco consumption in Middlesbrough, versus national figures. The Panel is later scheduled to speak to the Chamber of Commerce and *Forest* amongst others.
4. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee has met to consider a number of issues facing the local health economy in the coming year. A key issue will be the implications of the Tees Review and the accompanying work done by Professor Sir Ara Darzi around the reconfiguration of Acute services in the Tees Valley.
5. There will be a need for Overview & Scrutiny to engage with the Tees Review process, as there is a statutory obligation on the local NHS to consult with Overview & Scrutiny over proposals for substantial change. It is anticipated that the scrutiny review will commence in late September 2005.
6. The Middlesbrough & Eston Health Scrutiny Joint Committee met on August 10 to set its work programme for the municipal year 2005/6. The first work programme item will be a review into Respite and Palliative care for infants,

who have a life limiting illness. The first meeting to gather evidence on this topic will take place on 13 September 2005.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. No background papers were used in the production of this report.

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