

AGENDA ITEM:

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD  
31 JANUARY 2006**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. Since the last update to the Board, the Health Scrutiny function has continued to work on the scrutiny of the Acute Services proposals. The Joint Committee has considered further evidence and is scheduled to meet again on 6 February 2006. The purpose of that meeting will be to discuss the Draft Final Report and following any amendments felt necessary, to agree its contents.
4. During the month of February the Health Scrutiny Panel is due to meet to consider evidence in relation to the public consultation on Primary Care Trust re-organisation. It will also meet to consider its Final Report into Tobacco Control, as well as commencing its next Scrutiny Review into Out of Hours services.
5. In addition, the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee will be conducting a scrutiny review into the subregional aspects of NHS proposals, pertaining to changes in Primary Care Trust organisation, which are presently subject to public consultation.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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