

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD  
25 JULY 2005**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To update the OSB in relation to the Health Scrutiny function's activity.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel was scheduled to meet on 17 July 2006. At that meeting, the Panel considered the Out of Hours Final Report, and following wider consultation the Panel was also due to consider and agree its work programme for 2006/7. The OSB will be updated on the content of that work programme at today's meeting.
4. The Middlesbrough & Eston Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was scheduled to meet on 18 July 2006, to take evidence from senior officers and Executive Members from Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council in respect of Children's services in the South Tees area. It is anticipated that following this meeting, a final report will be prepared and the Joint Committee will then consider its work programme for 2006/7.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Committee is due to meet on 31 July 2006, to elect its Chair for 2006/7 and establish its work programme. It is hoped that that Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee will have the opportunity to conduct some proactive scrutiny work, in addition to responding to statutory consultations, which will occur in 2006/7. The OSB will be updated on the Joint Committee's work programme at its following meeting.
6. The Joint Scrutiny Committee has referred the Acute Services Proposals to the Secretary of State for determination. A response is awaited from the Secretary of State.

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CHAIR, HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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