

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**24 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To update the Overview & Scrutiny Board on the progress of the Health Scrutiny function.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Overview & Scrutiny Board notes the progress of the Health Scrutiny function.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel is continuing with its review into Life Expectancy in Middlesbrough, with a particular focus on Cardiovascular Disease.
4. Prior to its meeting on 11 September 2007, the Panel visited the Life Store in *The Mall*. The purpose of the visit was to look around the facilities on offer and the range of information available for people to access on a drop in basis.
5. Following that visit, the Health Scrutiny Panel met and took evidence from the South Tees Trust on Cardiovascular services at James Cook University Hospital and the frequency at which they are provided. The Panel also received evidence from a public policy specialist on some of the wider societal issues affecting health and health outcomes.
6. At its next meeting on 1 October 2007, the Health Scrutiny Panel is hosting a seminar on Cardiovascular disease, with speakers from the Cleveland Local Medical Committee and a national representative from the British Heart Foundation. All Members of the Council are invited to this event.
7. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee completes its consideration of the Foundation Trust proposals at its meeting on 27 September 2007, following which a consultation response will be submitted.

**Councillor Eddie Dryden  
Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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