

AGENDA ITEM: 9(e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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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. The Health Scrutiny function has been very active in the last month or so. On 19 November 2007, the Health Scrutiny Panel was scheduled to host a roundtable debate on the future of cardiovascular services in Middlesbrough, with a number of local stakeholders in attendance. A Final Report is now being prepared.
4. The Panel, on 30 October, also held a special meeting to receive an update on Healthcare Associated Infections at James Cook University Hospital. The Panel published a Final Report into Healthcare Associated Infections in March 2007, which made a series of recommendations. One of those recommendations centred around the Health Scrutiny Panel receiving regular updates on performance against Healthcare Associated Infections at James Cook University Hospital. The Panel will be holding a further update meeting, open to all Members, in April next year.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee met on 29 October, to hear about proposals for changes to contact centres for the North East Ambulance Service. That item is elsewhere on the agenda for today and as such, it is not proposed to cover any more of that topic in this briefing paper. Nonetheless, the topic will be going back to the Joint Scrutiny Committee in due course, to enable a response to the consultation to be prepared.

6. The Joint Scrutiny Committee will also be meeting on 21 November 2007. This will be to consider a report from the National Blood Service and a briefing paper from the Neurological Alliance on the National Service Framework implementation for Long Term Neurological Conditions in the Tees Valley.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. No background papers were used preparing this report.

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