

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 SEPTEMBER 2008

### HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To advise 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 Panel is continuing with its review into Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health in Middlesbrough. The Panel last met on 12 September 2008, where it gathered a quantity of evidence from Middlesbrough PCT, Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Trust and Middlesbrough MIND. The Panel heard about the amount and direction of current spend for Mental Health Services, in addition to some detail around where and how those services are provided. The Panel also received the initial views of Middlesbrough MIND regarding the services in Middlesbrough and where they could be developed in the future.
4. The Panel's next meeting will take place on 2 October 2008, where it will receive information from 'Young Minds', which is a charity based in London, specialising in Young People's Mental Health. The Panel will also hear from the Mayor, who is scheduled to attend and speak about what the local authority does and could do to contribute towards Young People's mental health.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Committee met on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008, where it considered the DRAFT NHS Constitution, which is currently the subject of a national consultation. It is expected that the Joint Scrutiny Committee will submit a response to the consultation, outlining its views on the NHS Constitution. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is also due to consider

Cancer Screening Services across the Tees Valley and this review will be commenced as soon as possible.

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

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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