

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

21 OCTOBER 2008

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel is continuing with the review into Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health in Middlesbrough. It recently took evidence from the Mayor and Young Minds, which is a charity from London specialising in Young People's mental health matters. The Panel will now seek evidence from the Middlesbrough Children's Trust to finalise the evidence gathering in relation to young people. The local Directors of Public Health will also be attending to provide their views about what they feel the local health and social care economy should look to do to improve emotional wellbeing and mental health.
4. The Panel will also be speaking to Middlesbrough PCT's Commissioning team, about how and in what the PCT intends to invest for mental health in the next 3 to 5 years. The Panel will also be considering the outcome of a significant amount of research done on its behalf, as it works towards the production of a final report.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee has recently submitted a response to the national consultation programme around the draft NHS Constitution. The Joint Scrutiny has also received a briefing around the seizing the future consultation, which is a set of proposals primarily affecting County Durham & Darlington. Nonetheless, in a NHS where patient choice is such a vital component and where money increasingly follows the patient,

Members felt it was prudent to receive a briefing on what it may mean for the area. It is anticipated that the Joint Scrutiny Committee will be kept abreast of matters, as the topic develops.

6. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is also commencing its review into Cancer Screening Services, with a set of terms of reference agreed and a review plan being developed. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is also waiting to hear the outcome of the referral to the Secretary of State for Health regarding the NEAS Contact Centre Proposals.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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