

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

16 DECEMBER 2008

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members note the progress of the Health Scrutiny function.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel has recently completed its Final Report into Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health in Middlesbrough, which was discussed at the Panel's meeting on 11 December 2008. The report will come before the Overview & Scrutiny Board on 13 January 2009.
4. The Panel will soon move onto hearing about the introduction of Practice Based Commissioning across Middlesbrough and its impact on the commissioning of health services.
5. Following that, the Panel will be considering Stroke Services for Middlesbrough. The Panel is also scheduled, early in 2009, to receive updates on its reviews into Cardiovascular Disease, Patient Transport and Audiology Services.
6. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is presently waiting for a response from the North East Strategic Health Authority, regarding the investigation of Members' concerns in relation to the proposals regarding Ambulance Contact Centre proposals. The Chair & Vice Chair of the Joint Scrutiny met with the Chief executive of the SHA to outline those concerns.
7. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is also presently considering Cancer Screening services across the Tees Valley, with evidence received from the local NHS

and evidence due to be received from Cancer Research UK at the next meeting.

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Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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