

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**13 JANUARY 2009**

**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 Panel has recently completed its review into Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health in Middlesbrough. The Panel has prepared a final report on the matter, which is elsewhere on the OSB's agenda for today's meeting.
4. The Panel will soon be considering Practice Based Commissioning and its impact upon the operation of the NHS in Middlesbrough, ahead of moving onto Stroke Services. During early 2009, the Panel is also due to receive updates on the progress of the implementation of its recommendations, following reviews into Cardiovascular Disease, Audiology and Patient Transport to and from James Cook University Hospital.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee continues to consider Cancer Screening services, their operation and their accessibility. The Joint Scrutiny Committee received evidence from the Executive Director of Public health for the Tees PCTs about the running of the programme. At its next meeting, the Joint Scrutiny Committee will be considering information about how the cancer screening programme is operated in Darlington, which will constitute a useful comparison. The Joint Scrutiny Committee will also be considering a paper from Cancer Research UK, outlining its views on a number of issues concerning cancer screening. Following consideration of this information, it will be for Members on the Joint Scrutiny Committee to

decide whether they would like to seek the views of any other organisation, before producing a final report into the matter.

**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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