

AGENDA ITEM: 14 (f)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

25 AUGUST 2009

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 Overview & Scrutiny Board notes the progress of the Health Scrutiny function.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel has recently concluded its review into Practice Based Commissioning, which is elsewhere on today's agenda for consideration. It also considered the topic of governance at the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, by meeting with the Chief Executive. This is something that the Panel will focus on again in the near future.
4. The Panel is continuing with its consideration of Stroke Services and is due to hold discussion on 10 September 2009, whereby it will consider the evidence received so far and hear the views of the Department of Social Care and NHS Middlesbrough. Following that meeting, it is anticipated that there will be a final report published on that topic.
5. The Panel is also hosting an event on 8 September 2009, which will discuss the likely tighter NHS funding settlement from 2011. There will be speakers from NHS Middlesbrough, University of Durham and a regional perspective on the role that the Voluntary and Community sector can play in service delivery.
6. The Dementia Final Report has now been completed by the specialist Panel established to complete that piece of work and it is placed elsewhere on today's agenda for consideration.

7. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee next meets on 14 September 2009, where it will finalise a paper on Cancer Screening in addition to considering briefings on upcoming developments to Sexual Health Services and Out of Hours services.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. No background papers were used in preparing this report.

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