

AGENDA ITEM:

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

12 JANUARY 2010

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update the Overview & Scrutiny Board on 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 is currently underway with its research into Childhood Obesity. It has already received an initial briefing on the topic from the Middlesbrough Locality Director of Public Health. To broaden its study of the topic, the Panel will be speaking to senior managers in the Environment and Regeneration Directorates, in order to discuss how public transport and the built environment can influence childhood obesity. The Panel also intends to speak with a few Headteachers about how schools currently approach healthy lifestyles and how the sector could develop its approach.
4. The Panel is also scheduled to receive a briefing on the Roseberry Park development, which is a new Mental Health and Learning Disabilities facility being built on the Marton Road site. The Panel will hear about the progress of the build and also the service model/configuration that will be employed in the new build, and how it relates to services based in the community.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee has recently completed a piece of work on Cancer Screening, with a final report making a series of recommendations being submitted to local NHS organisations. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is also continuing advancing its working group on ambulance capacity, in addition to considering a newly drafted Oral Health Strategy.

6. The Children's Trust Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel meets on 18 January 2010, where it will receive evidence from NHS Middlesbrough.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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