

AGENDA ITEM: 8 (f)

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**9 FEBRUARY 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 recently considered a briefing around the progress of the Roseberry Park development, which centres on the building of a £75million new hospital on the current St Luke's site, Marton Road, Middlesbrough.
4. The Panel heard that the physical build is on schedule to be completed by March 2010, with services occupying the new buildings in May 2010. The Panel was invited to tour the new facility, when it is in commission. The Panel also heard that the new build would have less inpatient beds than is currently provided.
5. As an extension of this point, the Panel made enquiries as to whether the capacity of community services is at sufficient levels to deal with the knock-on impact of less inpatient facilities being available. On the basis of the answers received by the Panel, it is possible that this may be a work programme item for Health Scrutiny in 2010/11.
6. The Health Scrutiny Panel is holding a meeting on 25 February 2010, to consider the extent to which the transport infrastructure and the built environment of the town, prevents and tackles childhood obesity.

7. The Health Scrutiny Panel is also hosting a seminar on 16 February 2010, covering the topic of tighter NHS Funding post 2011, and possible implications for the local health and social care economy.
8. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee has recently signed off its final report into Cancer Screening Services, which has recently being submitted to NHS Tees for consideration and formal response.
9. The Joint Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to meet on 9 February to consider the Tees-wide Oral Health Strategy and upcoming issues of importance for Oral Health across Tees. It is likely that this will be an area of work that the Joint Scrutiny Committee will advance in the next municipal year.
10. The Children's Trust Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel is scheduled to meet on 11 February 2010, to consider evidence from Cleveland Police, Government Office North East and the North East Strategic Health Authority.
11. As previously mentioned, the North East region has been successful in an application to become a Scrutiny Development area, and has being awarded around £5,000 to progress an innovative health scrutiny project, which will be around the health of ex-servicemen and women. Proposals for progressing the work are currently being worked on by officers, for consideration by the health scrutiny chairs, across the region.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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