

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6 APRIL 2010

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To appraise the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the progress made by the Health Scrutiny function.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. At a meeting on 23 March 2010, The Health Scrutiny Panel received an update on Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health issues pertaining to Children and Young People, following its review and final report into the topic, published in January 2009. The Panel noted that there has been some progress in the development of Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health services for young people, notably with a detailed needs assessment now having been carried out, which can significantly assist and improve commissioning decisions. In addition, the Panel felt a number of issues were raised by the progress report, which the Panel will be pursuing in the near future.
4. At the same meeting, the Health Scrutiny Panel also discussed its work programme options for the 2010/11 municipal year. The Panel considered and noted a number of suggestions for work programme items, which had been suggested by local NHS organisations. The Panel decided that it would like to hold a discussion with local health and social care representatives, to establish some area of priority for the work programme topics. This meeting will be held as soon as possible. The Panel is also in the process of completing a final report into the topic of Childhood Obesity.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is due to meet on 8 April 2010, when it will consider the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's

Quality Accounts. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is also in the process of preparing a final report following a working group's consideration of issues pertaining to NEAS capacity across Tees.

6. The Dementia Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel reconvened on 1 April 2010, to consider information regarding the progress made in developing Dementia services in Middlesbrough.
7. The Children's Trust Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel was scheduled to meet on 31 March 2010, as a final evidence gathering session, ahead of the production of a Final Report, which is now well under way.

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Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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