

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

4 MAY 2010

### 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's next meeting is scheduled for 11 May 2010, where it will be considering a final report on Childhood Obesity, as well as considering its work programme for 2010/11 municipal year. Each local NHS organisation and the Department of Social Care have been invited to send a senior representative to the meeting to discuss the opportunities and challenges in the next year.
4. Whilst the full details of the Health Scrutiny Panel's work programme are yet to be finalised, the Panel has already expressed a strong interest in considering the topic of End of Life Care. As such, the Panel has arranged a meeting where it will hear from the regional clinical lead of End of Life Care, who is also a leading clinician at James Cook University Hospital. A representative from a End of Life Care charity has also been invited to attend and speak. This will taken place on 3 June 2010. The Panel also has a meeting diaried for 25 May 2010, where it will hear about recent policy changes to the future of Community Services and their organisational structures.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee has now concluded its business for the municipal year and has submitted comments into the Quality

Accounts processes for the North East Ambulance Service and the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Detailed research is now taking place to identify work programme topics for the coming year, for the Joint Scrutiny Committee to consider.

6. The Final Report into the Children's Trust is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Panel for consideration and debate in the near future. It will then come to OSB for consideration and approval.
7. The Dementia Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel received an update at a meeting on 1 April 2010 on actions flowing from the Dementia Final Report published in August 2009. The Panel was pleased with the amount of progress made on implementing the recommendations made by the Panel and overall improvements to Dementia Services in Middlesbrough. The Panel is scheduled to receive another update in November 2010.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. No background papers were used to prepare this report.

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