

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

29 JUNE 2010

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To advise 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 recently held a discussion forum on End of Life Care in Middlesbrough, which was a useful starting point for the Panel's enquiries into the topic.
4. The Panel was due to meet on 23 June 2010 to agree the terms of reference for the End of Life Care review and consider the conclusions and recommendations for the Childhood Obesity Final Report. In July, the Panel will also be considering local Dental Services and the accessibility and capacity of those services.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is expected to hold its first meeting of the municipal year during July 2010, when it will elect a Chair for the year and agree its work programme. Whilst the work programme is a decision for the Joint Scrutiny Committee, it is expected that part of it will focus upon the preparations being made for a tighter NHS budget post April 2011.

6. As previously advised, Middlesbrough's Health Scrutiny function is leading the physical health aspect of the Regional Scrutiny work into the health of the ex-service community. That work will take place over the summer months and conclude in Autumn 2010.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. No background papers were used in the preparation of this paper.

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