

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

24 AUGUST 2010

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To ensure that the Overview & Scrutiny Board is aware 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 is due to meet on 9 September, to consider proposals to relocate the Cambridge Medical Group and the Woodlands and Acklam Road surgeries to a site near Acklam Hall.
4. The Panel is also scheduled to meet on 16 September 2010, where it will receive a significant quantity of information pertaining to its study on End Of Life Care. At the same meeting, the Panel will also be considering recently published White Paper: *Equity & Excellence – Liberating the NHS*. It is anticipated that the Panel will express a view at that meeting and submit a response to the Department of Health's consultation.
5. The OSB is also reminded that the Health Scrutiny Panel is hosting a seminar covering the White Paper on 10 September 2010. It will be held at 10am in the Town Hall and all Councillors are welcome to attend. It will be an opportunity to hear from a number of senior officers in the local NHS about the challenges and opportunities that the White Paper poses, from a number of different perspectives.
6. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was scheduled to meet on 23 August 2010, where it was due to consider the White Paper. It was also scheduled to begin considering evidence pertaining to its investigation into the

ramifications of the new Roseberry Park development and specifically, what it means for community mental health services.

7. The Regional Health Scrutiny project, into the health needs of the ex-service community is underway. The Physical Health Workstream, which Middlesbrough is leading, has already met with the North East Strategic Health Authority and is scheduled to meet with the Royal British Legion, together with other interest groups on 25 August 2010.

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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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