

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**21 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To advise 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. The Health Scrutiny Panel held meetings on the 9 September and 16 September 2010. Those meetings covered the recently published White Paper on the NHS, Proposals for Developments to GP facilities in the town and collected a great deal of evidence for the Panel's work into End of Life Care.
4. The Panel also hosted a seminar, on 10 September 2010, with a number of speakers covering the recently published White Paper, entitled *Equity & Excellence – Liberating the NHS*. It is likely that the implications of the White Paper will influence the Panel's work programme for the foreseeable future.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee last met on 13 September 2010. At that meeting it received a detailed progress report on the *Momentum* project, a major element of which is the new hospital proposed for the Wynyard site. The Joint Scrutiny Committee also revisited the topic of Cancer Screening Services and particularly explored the progress made, since the publication of the Joint Scrutiny Committee's Final Report in March 2010. The Joint Scrutiny Committee also considered its response to the White Paper, *Equity & Excellence – Liberating the NHS*.
6. The Regional Health Scrutiny Project regarding the health of the ex-service community continues to make progress. The Physical Health Workstream,

which Middlesbrough is leading, has collected a great deal of evidence already from the North East SHA, a PCT Cluster Director of Commissioning, The Royal British Legion, the MOD and Military Health Services Personnel. The Workstream will now be seeking evidence from local government sources, in advance of formalising the evidence collected into a final report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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