

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

16 NOVEMBER 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 will be meeting on 25 November 2010. At this meeting it will consider its final report into End of Life Care, as well as begin to work on its next topic, which is the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults. The Health Scrutiny Panel will also be closely monitoring developments relating to the recently published NHS White Paper and whatever flows from that.
4. The South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee has recently met to consider developments to Community Services, specifically with the integration of Community Services with the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Joint Scrutiny Committee will meet again in January to consider progress.
5. The Regional Health Scrutiny exercise, considering the physical health needs of the ex-service community, now has a draft report prepared which the Physical Health Workstream will be considering at a meeting on 19th November.
6. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee continues to study topics in its work programme. It last met on 8 November 2010, to consider progress around Sexual Health Services and Mental Health service access for the BME

Community. It next meets on 13 December, where it will consider the capacity of Mental Health services amongst other areas.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. No background papers were used to prepare this update.

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