

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 FEBRUARY 2011

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 South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee continues to consider the Transforming Community Services agenda and the move to integrate Community Services with the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Joint Scrutiny Committee has also identified that it will be taking on a particular piece of work during 2011/12, concentrating on the nutritional needs of patients in James Cook University Hospital and the level of feeding assistance given to patients who need it.
4. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee continues to work through its work programme and will soon be producing a record of its work into the Capacity of Community Mental Health Services, as well as charting developments around Sexual Health Services and Out of Hours services.
5. The Health Scrutiny Panel presented its final report on End of Life Care to the Board of NHS Middlesbrough on 26 January 2011. The Health Scrutiny Panel also recently considered the work of the Spinal Unit at James Cook University Hospital and possible gaps in service in Middlesbrough for the management of back pain. The next step is to engage with NHS Middlesbrough, as Commissioners, to explore the future development of back pain services. The Panel will also continue with its work into Children's Centres and ensuring that

they have sufficient intelligence about local births to target services appropriately. The Panel will also be revisiting a number of previous areas of study for the rest of the municipal year, to hear of progress. The Panel also continues to observe the progress of the Health and Social Care Bill and the associated reforms with interest. As part of that, the Panel will be hosting a seminar to hear about the Public Health White Paper on 3 March, with all Members welcome.

6. The regional work into the health of the ex-service community has now been completed and a copy of the final report will be presented to OSB in March.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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