

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**8 MARCH 2011**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To appraise the Overview & Scrutiny Board of 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 has recently completed its work into Children's Centres, which is elsewhere on the agenda. The Panel also hosted a seminar on the Public Health White Paper on 3 March 2011, following which a response will be submitted to the consultation on behalf of the Panel. The Panel is next scheduled to meet on 9 March 2011, where it will revisiting its review into Healthcare Associated Infections, by hearing about the current rates at James Cook University Hospital. At the same meeting, the Panel will also be hearing about progress in the implementation of the health reforms around GP Commissioning Consortia and Local Health & Wellbeing Board.
4. The Overview & Scrutiny Board may be aware that there is currently a national consultation underway concerning Children's Congenital Cardiac Services. Four options have been put forward. Three of the options would dictate that children from Middlesbrough receive surgical care in Newcastle (which is what currently happens), with surgery in the fourth option being provided in Leeds. Under all options, a lot of pre and post surgical care would be delivered closer to home. The panel will be seeking the views of interested parties, particularly patients, carers, and professional groups, before submitting a response.

5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee will be meeting on 14 March, where it will be considering the early progress of the new Out of Hours Service across Tees.
6. The Health Scrutiny Panel is also hosting an event by the Army Presentation Team, on 14 March 2011. Details have already been sent to All Members.

**Councillor Eddie Dryden,  
Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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