

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

5 APRIL 2011

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To appraise the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the progress made by the Health Scrutiny function.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Overview & Scrutiny Board notes the progress made by the Health Scrutiny function.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel is next scheduled to meet on 13 April 2011, where it will consider progress in Stroke Services, following a review by the panel into the topic in 2009/10. It is also scheduled to address the relevant aspects of the Strategic Plan.
4. The Health Scrutiny Panel has recently hosted an event on the *Healthy Lives, Healthy People* Public Health White Paper consultation. The Panel has now submitted its final response on the Public Health White Paper to the Department of Health. A copy of the final response can be obtained from the Scrutiny Team. The Health Scrutiny Panel also contributed to the hosting of a successful debate (on 21 March) on the health and social care reforms, outlined in the Health & Social Care Bill. The event was well attended and covered a number of significant questions posed by the reforms. It is anticipated that the event was the first in a series of discussions, held every four months or so, charting the reforms' progress in Middlesbrough.
5. The final report regarding the ex-service community, published by the regional health scrutiny committee, was launched at an event on 30 March and has been very well received. It is scheduled to be considered by the Executive of Middlesbrough Council in April 2011.

6. The Health Scrutiny Panel is also involved in considering the implications of the ongoing consultation into Children's Congenital Heart Services.
7. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee held its last meeting of the municipal year on 14 March 2011, completing the outstanding items in its work programme. The Joint Scrutiny Committee also heard a detailed update on the early progress of the recently commissioned Out of Hours service.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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