

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 NOVEMBER 2011

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 was scheduled to meet on 9 November 2011, to hear the perspective of regional commissioners on neurological services. The Panel has also scheduled a roundtable debate for 28 November, with a range of people, on the future of neurological services. After this point, the Panel will be producing a final report on the topic.
4. The South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was scheduled to meet on 10 November 2011, to discuss future spending plans and cost pressures with the leaders of the emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups. This will be something that the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee will be developing throughout the financial year.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is scheduled to meet on 21 November 2011, where it will be considering proposed changes to orthodontic services, and what they will mean for local communities that access the service.
6. The North East Regional Scrutiny Committee, which Middlesbrough is the Chair of for 2011/12, will probably be required to meet in December to consider developments to Patient Transport services and the future challenges facing the North East Ambulance Service. More information will be supplied to the Overview & Scrutiny Board when available.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. No background papers were used in preparing this briefing.

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