

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 DECEMBER 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 met on 28 November 2011, where it gathered its final evidence relating to Neurological Conditions. The Panel is now in the process of compiling a final report on Neurological Conditions, which will be considered at a Panel meeting as soon as possible, before it being presented to Overview & Scrutiny Board.
4. The Health Scrutiny Panel will soon consider which topic, from its work programme, it would like to consider in detail. It is possible that it may wish to select the topic of Older People in Care settings, which would be a joint piece of work with the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is scheduled to meet on 19 December 2011, to consider how the local healthcare system is coping with, and responding to, the pressures associated with winter. The Joint Scrutiny Committee will also be considering the emerging plans of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and how those groups will be structuring across the Tees area.
6. The South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee will be meeting early in the New Year to continue its consideration of the financial challenges facing the local health economy.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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