

AGENDA ITEM: 7(e)

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

7 FEBRUARY 2012

### HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel last met on 26 January 2012, where it considered a report soon to be presented to the Executive, on Middlesbrough's Public Health Transition Plan. The Overview & Scrutiny Board will be updated at the meeting today on the outcome of that meeting.
4. The Health Scrutiny Board will soon be starting its joint piece of work with the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel on the Care of Vulnerable Older People. The Health Scrutiny Panel will be concentrating on how the local NHS responds to these issues. The Health Scrutiny Panel will also be considering the current configuration of Smoking Cessation Services, as well as continuing to monitor the local implementation of the national health reforms.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was scheduled to meet on 30 January 2012, where it was due to begin its consideration of the NHS Operating Framework and its implications for the local NHS, with evidence from some local NHS Trusts. The Joint Scrutiny Committee will seek further evidence on this point over the next couple of meetings, before publishing a final report outlining the local implications of what is a national document.
6. The Regional Joint Scrutiny Committee was is scheduled to meet in mid February, to consider a number of issues pertaining to the regional

management of Ambulance Services and Patient Transport Eligibility, amongst others matters.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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