

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6 MARCH 2012

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 is making good progress with its joint piece of work with the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel, on the experience of vulnerable older people in care settings. The Health Scrutiny Panel has resolved to concentrate on older people's experiences within James Cook University Hospital. The Panel will be hearing from senior staff at James Cook University Hospital on a range of questions that have been set by the Panel on this matter.
4. The Health Scrutiny Panel is also closely following the local implementation of the Health Reforms and will be meeting to receive evidence on the Middlesbrough Local Health & Wellbeing Board on March 7.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee last met on 27 February 2012, where it received further evidence from local NHS organisations about the local impact of the national operating framework. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is working towards a final report on this matter.
6. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is also scheduled to meet on March 26, to hear in detail about how local health and wellbeing boards are being developed across the sub-region.

7. The Regional Health Scrutiny Forum, that Middlesbrough chairs this year, recently met to consider a number of updates on such matters as the implementation of the Health reforms, developments to Ambulance Services and emerging work around eligibility criteria for Patient Transport services.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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