

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

21 AUGUST 2012

HEALTH SCRUTINY – PROGRESS REPORT

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

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel has recently spent a substantial amount of time considering the implications of a public health funding formulae consultation, led by the Department of Health. If implemented as proposed, the proposal would have a detrimental impact upon Middlesbrough and the resources available for public health projects. The Panel has submitted a response to the Department of Health consultation.
4. The Department of Health is also currently consulting upon changes to the Health Scrutiny power. A response to this is currently being drawn up by the Health Scrutiny Panel.
5. The Panel also recently received a briefing on the probable development of Private Patient Units at James Cook University Hospital and what it may mean for NHS services, those accessing them and their sustainability. The Panel resolved to revisit the topic in the near future, to follow developments.
6. The Panel is next scheduled to meet on 20 August, where it will also be considering Emergency Planning/Emergency Preparedness and how the NHS, following the structural reforms, will contribute to a town's resilience in responding to specific events or pandemics. The OSB will be updated further at the meeting on this point.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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