

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

11 DECEMBER 2012

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To appraise the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the progress made by 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 is next scheduled to meet on 5 December 2012, where it will be considering a number of important matters. The Panel will be collecting evidence relating to its work on Children with Complex Needs from the Director of Public Health. The Panel will be developing this piece of work, and collecting further evidence, at a meeting on 17 December 2012.
4. The Panel will also be considering the issues currently facing Maternity & Paediatric services at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton. As Members may have seen, there is a long running debate about the future configuration of those services and what how services are developed in the future could impact upon demand and patient flows at James Cook University Hospital.
5. The Panel will also be receiving a briefing on how the local NHS is developing its Emergency Planning Preparedness. The Panel will be looking for assurance that everything necessary will remain in place throughout the move towards the new NHS structure.
6. It is anticipated that Health Scrutiny will soon be considering the Clinical Commissioning Groups plans, in advance of it formally becoming responsible for commissioning on 1 April 2013.

7. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is next scheduled to meet on 3 December. It will be considering different aspects the implementation of the health reforms across the Tees Valley area.
8. The North East Regional Health Scrutiny Committee has recently met to consider progress against the regional report into services for the ex-service community. It would appear that steady progress is being made, to the benefit of veterans and their families. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is also a keen observer of the current debate around children's congenital heart disease and where surgical sites will be based.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. No background papers were used in preparing this paper.

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