

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8 (e)

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 JANUARY 2013

### 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

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel is currently making good progress with its review into Children with Complex Needs. The Panel has now received evidence from the Director of Public Health, NHS Tees and the Council officers with responsibilities for Children with Disabilities. Following consideration of the initial evidence, the Panel has decided to pay specific attention to the preventative agenda around Children with Complex Needs which encompasses topics such as Low Birth Weight, Pre-term deliveries and lifestyle factors of expectant mothers. The Panel is next scheduled to meet on 15 January 2013, where it will receive evidence from the Director of Public Health on Immunisation take-up rates, as well as hearing the views of Parents of Children with Complex Needs. It is anticipated that the Panel may require a further two meetings, ahead of developing a final report. The Health Scrutiny Panel will also be closely monitoring how well the local NHS copes with winter and associated pressures.
4. The South of Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is looking to meet in mid to late January 2013, where it will begin a process of engagement with the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group, discussing its plans and intentions, ahead of formally becoming responsible for commissioning on 1 April 2013.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was scheduled to meet on 7 January 2013, where it will be discussing various issues

facing the sub regional health economy, ahead of the new structures being formally implemented in April 2013.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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