

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

5 MARCH 2013

HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Consideration

3. The Health Scrutiny Panel is progressing with its work into Children with Complex Needs. The Panel was scheduled to hold a meeting on 26 February 2013, where evidence relating to childhood immunisation and the education of children with complex was to be considered.
4. The Panel has also closely considered the recent publication of the Francis Inquiry into Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust. As a result of the issue's implications for the entire NHS, the Panel has agreed to hold a seminar with key speakers from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, to discuss what the report means for local services. The Overview & Scrutiny Board will be updated when arrangements for this meeting are finalised.
5. The Health Scrutiny Panel has also recently considered the published proposals relating to the changes to Health Scrutiny powers. A report on this topic is elsewhere on the agenda.
6. The Health Scrutiny Panel is also scheduled, later in March 2013, to hold a meeting with a number of key personnel from the local NHS, to consider winter pressures and how the system coped with those pressures. This will include pressures at A&E and Ambulance 'handover' pressures.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. No background papers were used in preparing this report.

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