

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11 (e)

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

30 APRIL 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 has recently undertaken some work to consider the topic of Winter Pressures and specifically how those Winter Pressures impact upon the operation of the local health and social care economy. The Panel has prepared a final report on the matter, which is elsewhere on the agenda for the meeting today.
4. The Panel has also been conducting a large piece of work on Children with Complex Needs. At its last meeting, the Panel agreed that it had collected sufficient information and instructed support officers to develop a final report, in line with the Panel's collected evidence and views on that evidence. That process is currently underway and a final report will be presented to Overview & Scrutiny Board as soon as is possible.
5. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee last met on 15 April 2013, where it considered the financial challenges facing local NHS organisations and what it may mean for services. It is anticipated that some of the issues raised at that meeting will influence the work programme for the Health Scrutiny function in 2013/14.
6. The South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee is due to meet with the South of Tees Clinical Commissioning Group, to discuss the CCG's early priorities for commissioning and service developments.

7. The North East Regional Health Scrutiny Committee will be meeting on 25 April 2013 to consider the developments around the 111 NHS telephone service, as well as a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations around the ex-service community work.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

**Councillor Eddie Dryden**  
**Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

**Contact Officer:**

Jon Ord - Scrutiny Support Officer  
Telephone: 01642 729706 (direct line)  
Email: [jon\\_ord@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:jon_ord@middlesbrough.gov.uk)