

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 9 (e)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

12 NOVEMBER 2013

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY – UPDATE</b>
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#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Board with an update on the progress of the Health Scrutiny function.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

#### CONSIDERATION

##### Health Scrutiny Panel

3. Representatives from the Cleveland Police and the North East Ambulance Service were invited to discuss evidence received at a previous panel meeting about Winter Pressures which indicated that the Police were increasingly being asked to get involved in emergency hospital transportation. The panel made a number of recommendations, which are included in a separate report to this meeting.
4. The panel will begin their next topic, Mental Health Services Capacity, at their meeting on 7 November. They will be considering a briefing paper about current service provision in Middlesbrough from the Director of Operations at the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust.

##### Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

5. The committee met on 28 October to discuss the proposed changes to the children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital and the wider impact on the Tees Valley area. Under the proposals, the existing 24 hour consultant-led paediatric and maternity services would be replaced by one of two alternative options, which may lead to an increase in activity at James Cook and Darlington Hospitals. The committee agreed to submit a joint response to the consultation.

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

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6. No background papers were used to prepare this briefing paper.

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