

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD 10 DECEMBER 2013

HEALTH SCRUTINY – UPDATE

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. The panel has embarked on its next review, Mental Health Services Capacity, on 7 November. The panel considered a briefing paper about current service provision in Middlesbrough from the Director of Operations at the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust. In order to progress with the review, the panel have invited the Chief Executive from Middlesbrough and Stockton MIND to discuss the organisation's view of mental health services at the panel's next meeting in December.
4. The panel held a one off meeting on 18 November where they discussed the proposed changes to maternity and children's services the Friarage Hospital Northallerton with senior representatives from the South Tees NHS Foundation Trust and the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group. The panel looked specifically at the potential impact that additional patient numbers might have on the James Cook University Hospital (JCUH). The panel learnt that effective planning, flexible provision, an additional theatre and extra staff transferring from the Friarage Hospital would ensure that there would be minimal impact to the JCUH. The panel submitted a response to the consultation.

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

5. The committee will be meeting on 9 December.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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