

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

4 MARCH 2014

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 Board notes the progress of the Health Scrutiny function.

CONSIDERATION

Health Scrutiny Panel

3. The panel has been continuing with its review of Mental Health Services Capacity. The panel met on 18 February with representatives from the North of England Commissioning Support Unit and Middlesbrough Council's Social Care Department to discuss the Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the impact of the Council's austerity measures on integrated working. It is anticipated that a final report will be produced for the panel's next meeting on 11 March.
4. The panel are also planning to consider some short reviews on access to GP surgeries and pharmacy services in March/April.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

5. Formal consultation is due to begin on the IMProVE project (Integrated management and proactive care for the vulnerable and elderly) which involves formally transforming community services. The committee is meeting on 27 February to discuss the process for formal engagement with the public on potential options for further advancing the vision for care for the vulnerable and elderly. The South Tees CCG will present the

proposed timeline for the 13 week formal public consultation. There will also be a brief overview of the potential options and what they might mean for the population of South Tees.

6. The Committee will also meet on 17 March to facilitate further involvement in this topic.

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

7. At the time of writing this report the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 3 March, where Members will receive a presentation by the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust on the key issues contained within their quality account.

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Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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