

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 APRIL 2014

HEALTH SCRUTINY – UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Board with an update on 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 completed its review of Mental Health Services Capacity and a final report has been prepared which will be presented to this meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Board.
4. At the time of writing the panel is due to meet on 31 March to discuss Access to GPs Surgeries and in particular the use of premium rate numbers for patients to contact surgeries and the inconsistencies experienced across the town that patients find when trying to make an appointment with their GP.
5. The panel has responded to the North of England Ambulance Service's consultation on priorities for their priorities for 2014/15.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

6. Pre consultation work is continuing with regard to the IMProVE project (Integrated management and proactive care for the vulnerable and elderly) which involves formally transforming community services.
7. The Committee will also meet on 7 April to facilitate further involvement in this topic.

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

8. The Committee met on 3 March, where Members received a presentation by the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust on the key issues contained within their quality account.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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