

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 6 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

29 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

4. The panel met with the Chair of the Local Medical Council and the North East Commissioning Service on 31 March to discuss Access to GPs Surgeries. In particular GP practices use of premium rate numbers which patients had to use to contact surgeries, and the inconsistencies people had experienced across the town when trying to make an appointment with their GP.
5. As a result some members of the panel will visit a GP practice on 22 April to see their appointment system in operation. Following that the panel will meet on 23 April to discuss the final report on this topic.

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. The Committee met on 7 April to facilitate further involvement in this topic.

7. A 'drop-in' session on the IMProVE project is being arranged in May/June by the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group which all councillors will be able to attend.

Councillor Eddie Dryden
Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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