

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 7(e)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

24 SEPTEMBER 2014

<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 Health Scrutiny function.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

#### **CONSIDERATION**

##### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

3. The panel met on 15 September to receive information on the Tees Suicide Prevention Implementation Plan. The panel were keen to find out more about this topic and were particularly interested in the links between deprivation and suicide.
4. An additional panel meeting has been arranged for Thursday 25 September to receive information regarding the Review of Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) in Middlesbrough as part of NHS England's Durham, Darlington and Tees Area Team's stakeholder consultation which is taking place between 6 August to 29 September. In Middlesbrough there are 2 providers contracted to deliver services under the APMS contract arrangements which are being reviewed. These are Hemlington Medical Centre and Resolution Health Centre in North Ormesby.

##### **South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee**

5. The committee is due to meet on 17 September to hear further evidence on the IMProVE programme, specifically to receive information regarding the results of the recent consultation exercise. The joint committee has received a great deal of information prior to, and during the consultation process. The

panel, whilst supportive of the process, felt they could not provide a response until they had received the results of the consultation. Therefore in order to gain a balanced view of the proposals a range of representatives have been invited to the meeting. Attending the meeting will be the

- Healthwatch
- NHS England
- South Tees CCG
- Tom Blenkinsop MP
- Ian Swales MP
- Representatives from Redcar and Cleveland and Middlesbrough Social Care Departments

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

6. The committee met on 11 September to begin its work programme. It began by agreeing a process for monitoring the North East Ambulance Service.
7. The committee also received an Update on Haematology Services as the Trust is in discussions with the James Cook University Hospital (JCUH) and Darlington and Durham Acute Trust to explore a collaborative working model to sustain quality services for patients on Teesside.

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

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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