

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

20 OCTOBER 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 met on 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. This affected 2 GP practices in Middlesbrough, Hemlington Medical Centre and Resolution Health Centre in North Ormesby. The panel found the consultation process to be 'flawed' and responded to the consultation on that basis.
4. The consultation closed on the 29th September and the Area Team are now analysing the information. The representatives from the Team have been invited back to the panel on 18 November to present their findings. The panel's views will be taken in to account before any decision is made.
5. The panel met on 6 October to hold a seminar/discussion with representatives from the Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch in order to gain an understanding of each other's roles and to ensure that we do not duplicate each other's work. A number of protocols were agreed to enable this to take place.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

6. The committee met on 17 September and heard further evidence on the IMProVE programme. The committee wrote to the South Tees CCG with their response to the consultation.
7. The Joint Committee were broadly supportive of the proposals on the basis of the clinical improvements that will take place and the improvements to community services, however, the committee made a number of recommendations, which were in summary
 - That the CCG should take every opportunity to influence public transport design to ensure routes are planned which take in to account the predicted patient flows.
 - The system for accessing the patient transport service should be made easier
 - Members wanted a guarantee that the CCG would work with both Councils to ensure that the community stroke provision provides a sufficient level of support and care and ensure that services are in place before closing community beds currently provided for stroke rehabilitation.
 - Members would like to see specific evidence of how savings have been redistributed in order to provide the best community services for people across the South Tees area.
 - The South Tees CCG are invited to future meetings of the Joint Committee on a regular basis in order to update Members on the implementation of the proposals.

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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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