

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 13 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28 April 2015

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 24 February to receive an update from a number of healthcare professionals and private sector providers on Neurological Services in Middlesbrough, following the panel's initial review of the topic in January 2012. At the meeting the panel were told by the professionals that there was a need for paediatric neuro rehab services for children both nationally and in Middlesbrough. The panel were also told that it would be helpful if Neuro Rehabilitation was higher up on the CCG agenda. It was therefore agreed that the panel would seek the views of the CCG on this issue. The CCG and associated health care professionals have been invited back to the panel to enable Members to further investigate this issue.
4. The panel also met on 16 March to consider further information on the panel's investigation of GP provision in Middlesbrough, particularly the concern about long term workforce planning issues, GP recruitment, retention and retirement and the increasing demand for GP appointments. Whilst the panel were told that the number of GPs was not at a crisis point, action needed to be taken now and the panel heard about a number of initiatives which were being implemented by the South Tees CCG and

Health Education North East. A final report and recommendations will be submitted to the panel's next meeting.

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5. The committee met on 26 March to discuss the following
 - NHS England – Durham, Darlington and Tees Area Team – Annual Update
 - Monitoring of the North East Ambulance
 - Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust – Annual Update and Quality Account
 - Update on the changes to Children's and Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital
 - Digital Health Care – Pilot Work

6. For the 2015/16 municipal year Redcar and Cleveland Council will take over the Chair of the Committee, with Middlesbrough as Vice Chair.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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