

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 7(e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

18 August 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's first meeting of the year on 30 July began with a seminar about Health Scrutiny and it was open to all members to attend. The seminar covered the powers and duties of Health Scrutiny and an overview of current health issues in Middlesbrough from the Director of Public Health and senior representatives from the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
4. The panel agreed its final report on the Future of GP Provision in Middlesbrough. The panel also agreed its work programme for 2015/16.
5. The panel met again on 14 July to receive its final evidence in respect of its review of Neurological Services, which had been carried over from the previous municipal year. The final report will be submitted to the panel's next meeting on 11 August. At that meeting the members of the panel will be undertaking a tour of The Gateway (a facility for people recovering from

neurological conditions) prior to the panel meeting which will also be held there.

6. At that meeting members will be receiving an update from the Chief Executive of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. This will include an update on the Trust's current financial position, its action plan developed in response to the recent CQC inspection and details of their progress against Monitor's action plan on Health Care Associated Infections.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

7. The committee met on 16 July to receive an update on the IMProVE Programme. (Integrated management and Proactive Care for the Vulnerable and Elderly). The panel had responded to the South Tees CCG's proposals on the formal consultation to reorganise the way care is delivered in the South Tees area. The committee heard that the programme was being implemented in a phased approach and a number of actions had now been completed, which included
 - a. the centralisation of stroke rehabilitation services to Redcar Primary Care Hospital
 - b. the closure of two minor injury services at East Cleveland and Guisborough Primary Care hospitals and consolidation on to one single site at Redcar Primary Care Hospital
 - c. the closure of Carter Bequest Hospital and the transfer of services within the community alongside the progression of an improved infrastructure
8. The committee also received information about the forthcoming review of the Lifestore in Middlesbrough. The contract with the current provider, Pioneering Care Partnership was due to expire in March 2116, giving the CCG the opportunity to review its provision. Analysis showed that the majority of people using the store were from Middlesbrough and alternative ways of delivering the service more equitably across the South Tees area were being considered.
9. The CCG informed the committee of their intention to review Urgent Care. Members were told that the urgent care system was complex and the CCG wanted to streamline and simplify it. In order to develop their strategy the CCG were beginning the process by holding detailed discussions with the public. It was anticipated that the CCG would be in a position to propose some options to the Joint Committee for a decision as to whether there would be a substantial change to Urgent Care services. Therefore it was agreed that further information would be presented at the Joint Committee's next meeting. Information was sent to all Members as to how they could complete the CCG's survey.

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

10. The committee met on 24 July to discuss the monitoring of the North East Ambulance Service and to discuss the work programme for the coming year.

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

11. The committee met on 31 July and they also received a performance update from the Chief Executive of the North East Ambulance Service and discussed the work programme for the coming year. Where it was agreed the committee would look at how to encourage people to use pharmacies for minor ailments.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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