

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 14 (e)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 OCTOBER 2015

<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 22 September to begin the review of a new topic – Health Inequalities and the Integration Agenda.
4. Members received a presentation from the Assistant Director, Public Health Intelligence which outlined the health inequalities in Middlesbrough. Reminding Members that life expectancy reduces by 2 years for every mile from suburb to centre. As a result of the presentation, Members chose to focus their attention on 2 topics, Improving Levels of Breastfeeding and Cancer Screening.
5. The panel will be meeting on 15 October to further consider the issue of improving levels of breastfeeding in Middlesbrough.
6. Following the discussion about the integration agenda where Members heard about the priorities of the South Tees Integration Programme, Members also agreed to focus their attention on the accident and

emergency strand of the Better Care Fund schemes, with a number of members of the panel volunteering to attend a visit to the A&E department.

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

7. The committee are due to meet on 13 October to discuss the temporary changes to the breast radiology services at the James Cook University Hospital (JCUH). Due to issues with staffing and the national shortage of specialist clinicians the current staffing situation means it is not safe to continue to offer this service at JCUH. Patients from the Middlesbrough, Redcar and East Cleveland area will be accommodated at University Hospital North Tees. The committee will be discussing the implications of this with senior officers from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
8. Members will also receive an update on the CCG's review of Urgent Care. Members will receive further information on the findings from the recent engagement exercise and the next steps.
9. At the last meeting Members heard about the consultation exercise regarding the Life Store. The contract with the current provider, Pioneering Care Partnership was due to expire in March 2016, 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. Members will receive information on the results of the recent consultation exercise.

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

10. The Committee will be meeting on 14 October to discuss the following items
  - a. North East Ambulance Services Quarterly Monitoring Report
  - b. North of England Regional Back Pain Programme
  - c. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services – introduction to issue and scoping
  - d. Work programme

### **North East Health Scrutiny Joint Committee**

11. The committee met on 1 October where they considered the following items
  - a. North East Ambulance Service – Progress against Standards and performance.
  - b. Patient Transport Update
  - c. Review of Neonatal Services Across the North East
  - d. National Congenital Heart Review
  - e. Use of Pharmacies for Minor Ailments and Other Services

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

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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