

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 10(e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 DECEMBER 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 3 November to receive further evidence on the topic of Improving Levels of Breastfeeding from Teesside University and the South Tees Infant Nutrition Team. As a result a meeting has been arranged for 15 December with key decision makers, including the Mayor and senior health representatives about some of the proposed areas where Members would like to make recommendations (in advance of producing a final report).
4. The panel met on 24 November, to consider information on the second strand of their review into Health Inequalities, Cancer Screening and Reducing Cancer Related Deaths. Members received an overview of the current picture in Middlesbrough, causes, trends and patterns. Further evidence will be submitted to the meeting in January.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

5. The committee met on 17 November to receive further information on the CCG's review of Urgent Care. Members considered the proposals and agreed that it constituted a substantial variation to current services and that the proposals should go to a formal consultation process.
6. The committee will be meeting again on 18 December to receive further information in respect of Urgent Care, including details of the CCG's consultation timetable and also details of the updated position on the Life Store.
7. Following the committee's meeting on 13 October where Members discussed the temporary changes to the breast radiology department at James Cook University Hospital, it was agreed that further evidence was required from both the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust and the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust. The committee are holding a meeting dedicated to this topic on 11 December. Correspondence was also sent to the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust to clarify some further details about the services

North East Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

8. The committee will be meeting on 17 December where they will be considering further information in respect of the review of Neonatal Services Across the North East

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Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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