

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 10(e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

2 FEBRUARY 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 12 January 2016, where Members received further evidence in their review of cancer screening and reducing cancer related deaths. The panel heard about the work streams that the Tackling Cancer Together Group was involved with. Including preventative work, awareness raising campaigns and development work in relation to awareness of screening.
4. Members also received a presentation from the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) about their programmes to reduce health inequalities and reduce the gap in cancer related deaths between the least deprived wards and the most deprived wards. A project entitled 'The Deep End' involved 9 practices from the most deprived areas working together to achieve better services for patients and better support for GPs.
5. The panel's next meeting on 3 February will be to receive a presentation on the Better Health Programme, to ensure the panel's involvement with its on-

going development. The Better Health Programme is a joint regional initiative, the focus of which is to examine acute hospital care and identify changes that might be required to achieve the desired standards of quality in hospital care across Darlington, Durham and Teesside.

6. The panel will resume its evidence gathering on cancer screening and reducing cancer related deaths on 23 February where they will meet with representatives from the Macmillan Integrated Care Project, which looks at end to end care, from pre-diagnosis to end of life and NHS England, who have been invited to discuss cancer screening in Middlesbrough.
7. The panel's final report on Health Inequalities – Improving levels of Breastfeeding is submitted to this meeting for approval.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

8. The committee met 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.
9. Members agreed that the Urgent Care proposals put forward by the CCG constituted a substantial variation of services and as such those plans should be subject to formal consultation. The committee will therefore be meeting on several occasions over February and March as part of that consultation process. Firstly meeting with a number of stakeholders to discuss the implications of the options put forward by the CCG and secondly, the meeting with the CCG to receive further information on the progress with their consultation process.
10. A press release has been issued on behalf of the committee to inform the public of the committee's work in relation to the statutory consultation and to inform them that the committee's meetings are open to the public.
11. An interim report has also been produced which will be distributed to the local MPs and the committee has invited them to attend future meetings about urgent care.
12. The committee have produced an interim report on their work relating to the temporary closure of the Breast Radiology Department in James Cook University Hospital, which has been submitted to this meeting for information and approval. The report provides a number of actions for the Committee which include writing to the local MPs and the Chief Executives of the respective Trusts. Further meetings on this will be held in due course and the topic of the impact of the shortage of general radiologists has been added to the Committee's work programme.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

13. The committee met on 21 January 2016 where it considered the following issues:
- a. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust CQC Inspection (the Health Scrutiny Panel considered this in August 2015).
 - b. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Transformation Plan.
 - c. Urgent Care Strategy – Consultation.
 - d. Better Health Programme (the Health Scrutiny panel will also be considering this issue).
 - e. Tees Esk and Wear Valley Quality Account – Update.
 - f. North East Ambulance Services – Quarterly Monitoring Report.

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Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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