

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 13 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

2 August 2016

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 are meeting on 25 July at James Cook University Hospital to discuss their work programme and receive the final information in respect of their review of Cancer Screening and Reducing Cancer Related Deaths. Members had been informed about the excellent work that was being done through the Macmillan Integration of Cancer Care Programme and were keen to find out more about the work that was being undertaken on cancer pathways. Members will meet with representatives from the Programme to hear about the new and innovative ways of working associated with this programme. Members will receive an outline of the programme, including the targeted work and the reasons behind that work. Details will also be given about the self-referral and open access initiatives taken place in the area of lung cancer. As the programme is an end-to-end pathway covering everything from pre-diagnosis to end of life care, Members will also be informed about the on-going work with survivors, dealing with issues such as employability and recurrence. Work which also involves working with partners in this area.
4. Following the meeting there will be the opportunity to tour the Chemotherapy Day unit and the Endeavour unit to see the facilities there

and speak to some of the clinical staff who have been involved in the Programme.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

5. The South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) consultation on their plans for Urgent Care in the South Tees area has now closed and the CCG have approved their plans. The Committee's final report and recommendations have been presented to the meeting of OSB for information.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

6. Middlesbrough Council has taken over the Chair and the administration for this Committee for 2016/17. The first meeting, to discuss the Committee's work programme, will take place on Thursday 28 July.

Better Health Programme Joint Committee

7. Regulations require the formation of a Joint Scrutiny Committee for the NHS to consult on major variations or substantial developments to health services. The Membership of the Committee reflects the footprint for the Better Health Programme (BHP) – Durham, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Redcar and Cleveland and North Yorkshire. The (BHP) is one element of wider public service reform being implemented nationally. The ambition is to deliver better outcomes for residents and patients through clinically sustainable and financially viable services. The Committee has held 2 meetings to date, on 7 and 21 July. Members have received an overview of the programme, involving details of the pre-engagement activities and the views of clinicians and stakeholders. At the meeting on 21 July, Members received details of the potential long list of scenarios following Phase 1 and 2 engagement. The next meeting, to be held in Middlesbrough, will take place on Thursday 8 September.

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Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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