

# **MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

## **SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE**

**13 OCTOBER 2015**

### **Temporary Changes to Breast Radiology Services at The James Cook University Hospital**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce a number of senior representatives who will be in attendance to provide a verbal update on the proposed temporary changes to the Breast Radiology Service at the James Cook University Hospital (JCUH).

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust recently announced temporary changes to the service at JCUH. The letter outlining the reasons behind the changes is attached at Appendix 1.
3. Although not exhaustive, Members may wish to use the following questions as a basis for discussions at the meeting.
  - i. How long will the temporary changes last?
  - ii. If University Hospital North Tees has capacity in the short term, what are the plans in the long term should you not be able to recruit to the vacant posts?
  - iii. If University Hospital North Tees has capacity to take extra patients, how did JCUH come to be in this position?

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

4. The following people have been invited to today's meeting to provide an update to members
  - Caroline Parnell, Director of Communications & Engagement, South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
  - Sandra Donoghue, Managing Director, Surgical Services Centre, South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
  - Craig Blair, South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. That the Committee notes the information submitted at the meeting today and consider if any further information/action is required at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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