

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



Tuesday, 23 November 2010

at 3.00 pm

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM:

Councillors S Akers-Belcher, Barker, Cook, Fleet, Griffin, A Lilley, G Lilley, McKenna and Simmons

Resident Representatives: Mary Green, Linda Shields and 1 Vacancy

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2010

4. RESPONSES FROM LOCAL NHS BODIES, THE COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM

No items.

5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

No items.

6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

No items.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 7.1 Independent Review into Accident and Emergency at the University Hospital of Hartlepool
- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*; and
 - (b) Verbal Evidence – *Medical Director, NHS North East*
- 7.2 Female Life Expectancy in Hartlepool – Update:-
- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*; and
 - (b) Presentation – *Assistant Director for Public Health, NHS Hartlepool*
- 7.3 Minimum Price per Unit of Alcohol:-
- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*; and
 - (b) Presentation – *Assistant Director for Public Health, NHS Hartlepool*
- 7.4 Scrutiny Investigation Into Connected Care – Scoping Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*
- 7.5 Service Transformation Project – *Scrutiny Support Officer*

8. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM FORWARD PLAN

9. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT MEETING OF TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

- 9.1 Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee Update – *Scrutiny Support Officer*

10. REGIONAL HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

No items.

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of Next Meeting :- Tuesday, 1 February 2010 at 3.00 pm in Committee Room B Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 November 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: INDEPENDENT REVIEW INTO ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY AT THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF HARTLEPOOL – COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of progress in relation to the Independent Review into Accident and Emergency at the University Hospital of Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 As Members will be aware at the last meeting of the Health Scrutiny Forum, on 12 October 2010, the Forum agreed to engage with the Independent Review into Accident and Emergency at the University Hospital of Hartlepool, overseen by NHS North East (the Strategic Health Authority for the North East).
- 2.2 Subsequently the Medical Director from NHS North East will be in attendance at today's meeting, to provide Members with a verbal update to progress made in relation to the Independent Review into Accident and Emergency at the University Hospital of Hartlepool.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members note the content of this report and the verbal evidence from the Medical Director, seeking clarification on any relevant issues where felt appropriate.

Contact Officer:- James Walsh – Scrutiny Support Officer
Chief Executive's Department - Corporate Strategy
Hartlepool Borough Council
Tel: 01429 523647
Email: james.walsh@hartlepool.gov.uk

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) Minutes of the meetings of the Health Scrutiny Forum held on 12 October 2010.

Suggested TOR for External Review of Hartlepool A&E and Critical Care Services

Review dates: 26th & 27th January 2011

1. Introduction (background information)

- 1.1. The North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust announced in July 2010 that they intended to close the accident and emergency (A&E) department at University Hospital of Hartlepool with effect from December 2010.
- 1.2. In response to this announcement the Hartlepool Borough Council's Health Scrutiny Forum (HSF) wrote formally to the Rt Hon Andrew Lansley MP, Secretary of State for Health on 17th September asking for the matter to formally be considered by the Secretary of State.
- 1.3. Following intervention by the NHS North East Strategic Health Authority (SHA), on 12th October the HSF members were formally informed by North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, that the proposed changes planned for the A&E department had been withdrawn with immediate effect. An independent review would be undertaken into A&E services, overseen by the SHA.
- 1.4. There is a local history and context to this not least the recent decision by the coalition government to withdraw funding for the proposed new £500m hospital. The hospital was to have been developed equidistant from the Trust's two hospitals in Hartlepool and Stockton-on Tees.
- 1.5. The Trust have claimed staffing and safety issues as the basis for their decision, in particular the change of junior foundation doctors in December 2010, the Trust feels safety standards cannot be guaranteed.
- 1.6. In response to the recent announcement by the North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust to close the accident and emergency (A&E) services at University Hospital of Hartlepool an independent externally led review will be undertaken on 26th and 27th January 2011.

2. Terms of Reference

- 1) The review will determine the appropriateness & safety of the current A&E services being provided at University Hospital Hartlepool.
- 2) The review will not be constrained by previous reviews or recent decisions, but recognises three important drivers for change:
 - i) Safety
 - ii) Affordability
 - iii) Public acceptability
- 3) The review will be carried out as a partnership between the North East Strategic Health Authority (SHA) and the Hartlepool Borough Council's Health Scrutiny Forum (HSF).
- 4) The outcome of the review will be a written report making recommendations to SHA and HSF suggesting the way forward.

3. Ways of working

- 3.1. To ensure externality and transparency the review will be undertaken by an independent review panel, led by an external clinical expert and chaired by a senior director from the SHA.
- 3.2. To ensure accountability, acceptability, value for money and the public voice members of the panel will include representation from the Hartlepool Borough Councils Health Scrutiny Forum; NHS North East SHA; external national and local expert clinical input; academic and lay membership.
- 3.3. The review panel will be informed through work carried out by NHS Interim Management and Support (IMAS). NHS IMAS will carry out an investigation of the local emergency and urgent care system, to assess current safety and efficacy, recent changes and propose possible future options. The outcome of the investigation will be presented to the review panel in the form of an expert report and testimony.

4. Proposed membership for the review panel (9 members in total)

- Representative from the senior directorship at the SHA – chair
- External Clinical A&E expert – panel led
- Two representatives from the HSF - providing a lay/public perspective
- Two independent clinical colleagues from within the region, providing both clinical and educational expertise
- An external nurse matron
- An academic expert with an interest in medical delivery
- An independent GP from within the region

The panel will be supported in the planning and preparation by the Project Manager and during the review by 2 administrative / note takers.

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 November 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: FEMALE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN HARTLEPOOL –
UPDATE - COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To introduce the Assistant Director for Public Health, NHS Hartlepool who will be present at today's meeting to provide an update in terms of Female Life Expectancy in Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The publication of the Health Profile for Hartlepool in 2009 highlighted that female life expectancy in the Town equated to the worst in England, this generated significant media interest; nationally through the Radio 4 programme 'Woman's Hour' and locally via the Evening Gazette and Hartlepool Mail newspapers.

- 2.2 On the 6 October 2009 the Health Scrutiny Forum received a report by the Acting Director of Health Improvement into Female Life Expectancy in Hartlepool. Members agreed at the meeting of 6 October 2010:-

"That the Forum [will continue] to monitor the issue of health inequalities in the town and on doing this receive an update report on an annual basis focussing on those specific wards causing concerns in relation to life expectancy of women."

- 2.3 Subsequently the Assistant Director for Public Health at NHS Hartlepool will be in attendance today to provide a presentation to Members in relation to the issue of Female Life Expectancy in Hartlepool. **Table1** overleaf provides a comparison between the Health Profile for Hartlepool in 2009 and 2010 in relation to female life expectancy:-

Table1: Comparison of Average Female Life Expectancy (in years) in Hartlepool to National Averages.

Year	Average Female Life Expectancy in Hartlepool	Average Female Life Expectancy in England	Worst Average Female Life Expectancy in England
2009 ¹	78.1	81.1	78.1
2010 ²	79.0	82.0	78.8

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members note the content of this report and the presentation by the Assistant Director for Public Health, seeking clarification on any relevant issues where felt appropriate.

Contact Officer: - James Walsh – Scrutiny Support Officer
 Chief Executive's Department – Corporate Strategy
 Hartlepool Borough Council
 Tel: 01429 523647
 Email: james.walsh@hartlepool.gov.uk

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Forum held on 6 October 2009
- (b) The Association of Public Health Observatories (2009), *Health Profile 2009 Hartlepool*, Available from http://www.apho.org.uk/default.aspx?QN=HP_METADATA&AreaID=50333 (Accessed 8 November 2010)
- (c) The Association of Public Health Observatories (2009), *Health Profile 2010 Hartlepool*, Available from http://www.apho.org.uk/default.aspx?QN=HP_METADATA&AreaID=50333 (Accessed 8 November 2010)

¹ APHO, 2009

² APHO, 2010

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 November 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: MINIMUM PRICE PER UNIT OF ALCOHOL

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Forum's views in terms of supporting the proposed Minimum Price per Unit of Alcohol.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall at their meeting of 3 August 2010, the Chair provided the Forum with feedback from the presentation of the 'Alcohol Abuse – Prevention and Treatment' Final Report at the NHS Hartlepool Board meeting of 29 July 2010. During the consideration of the report by the NHS Hartlepool Board, the Executive Director for Public Health made representations seeking the Forum's support for the introduction of a minimum price per unit of alcohol. The Chair proposed that due to the change in Members who were involved in the 'Alcohol Abuse' investigation and were now serving on the Forum, more time was needed to consider this matter before making a decision.
- 2.2 Following the Forum meeting of 3 August 2010, the Final Report into 'Alcohol Abuse – Prevention and Treatment' and documentation relating to the proposed minimum price per unit of alcohol was circulated to all Members of the Health Scrutiny Forum.
- 2.3 When the Forum met on 12 October 2010, Members received an offer from the Assistant Director for Public Health, NHS Hartlepool to provide Members with a presentation to further aid discussions. Subsequently, the Assistant Director of Public Health will be present at today's meeting to provide a presentation in relation to the Minimum Price per Unit of Alcohol.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Members:-

- (i) Note the content of this report and the presentation by the Assistant Director for Public Health, seeking clarification on any relevant issues where felt appropriate; and
- (ii) Formulate views in relation to the minimum price per unit of alcohol to be reported back to the Executive Director for Public Health, NHS Tees.

Contact Officer:- James Walsh – Scrutiny Support Officer
Chief Executive's Department
Hartlepool Borough Council
Telephone Number: 01429 526647
E-mail – james.walsh@hartlepool.gov.uk

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Forum meetings held on 3 August 2010 and 12 October 2010.

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 November 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO CONNECTED
CARE – SCOPING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To make proposals to Members of the Health Scrutiny Forum for their forthcoming investigation into Connected Care.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Forum on 22 June 2010, Members determined their work programme for the 2010/11 Municipal Year. The topic of 'Connected Care' was selected as a scrutiny topic for consideration during the current Municipal Year.

- 2.2 Connected Care was developed by Turning Point, who are a social enterprise organisation specialising in the provision of specialist and integrated services to meet the health and social care needs of individuals, families and communities. In essence Connected Care is a:-

“model for community led commissioning...bring[ing] the voice of the community to the design and delivery of all health, housing, education and social service delivery.”¹

¹ Turning Point, 2009

2.3 The Connected Care service was established as one of the first national pilots in the Owton Ward of Hartlepool in 2006 and was jointly funded by the Authority and the PCT. The premise of Connected Care in Hartlepool was to integrate health and social care with strategies for social inclusion and then linking Connected Care to locality based commissioning.

2.4 In April 2009 the Health Scrutiny Forum completed an investigation into 'Reaching Families in Need' where Members recommended:-

"That learning from the Connected Care Scheme is rolled out to other areas of deprivation in the Town."²

The response from NHS Hartlepool was that the Connected Care programme roll out would be considered once an evaluation was completed by Durham University.

2.5 In February 2010, the 200+ page evaluation undertaken of Connected Care in Hartlepool by Durham University was electronically circulated to Members of the Forum and a hard copy deposited in the Members Library by the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Forum.

2.6 Connected Care is currently being delivered in the Owton Ward of Hartlepool, by 'Who Cares', which is a Social Enterprise model of delivery operated by residents and local community organisations. There are plans to extend Connected Care into other areas of the Town, although the major barrier to the development of Connected Care in Hartlepool is "access to working capital".³

3. OVERALL AIM OF THE SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION/ENQUIRY

3.1 To explore and evaluate the impact of the Connection Care in Hartlepool.

4. PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION/ENQUIRY

4.1 The following Terms of Reference for the investigation/review are proposed:-

- (a) To gain an understanding of the development and current delivery model of Connected Care in Hartlepool;
- (b) To examine the impact of Connected Care on the communities where it has been operational;
- (c) To analyse the lessons learned from the Durham University evaluation and how these and other lessons have been / might be applied to the development of Connected Care;

² Health Scrutiny Forum, 2009

³ Director of Child & Adult Services, 2010

- (d) To gain an understanding of the impact of current and future budget pressures on the way in which Connected Care is provided in Hartlepool;
- (e) To explore how Connected Care could be provided in the future, giving due regard to:-
 - (i) Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the way in which the service is currently provided; and
 - (ii) If / how the service could be provided at a reduced financial cost (within the resources available in the current economic climate).

5. POTENTIAL AREAS OF ENQUIRY / SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

- 5.1 Members of the Forum can request a range of evidential and comparative information throughout the Scrutiny review.
- 5.2 The Forum can invite a variety of people to attend to assist in the forming of a balanced and focused range of recommendations as follows:-
 - (a) Member of Parliament for Hartlepool;
 - (b) Elected Mayor;
 - (c) Cabinet Member with Portfolio Holder for Public Health;
 - (d) Director and / or Appropriate Officers of Child and Adult Services and / or NHS Hartlepool;
 - (e) Connected Care Steering Group;
 - (f) Housing Hartlepool;
 - (g) Accent;
 - (h) Intrahealth
 - (i) Local residents;
 - (j) Hartlepool Carers;
 - (k) Representatives of minority communities of interest or heritage; and
 - (l) Ward Councillors.
- 5.3 The Forum may also wish to refer to a variety of documentary / internet sources, key suggestions are as highlighted below:-

- (a) Reaching Families in Need – Final Report by the Health Scrutiny Forum – Available online at:
http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/downloads/file/5176/scrutiny_final_report-reaching_families_in_need
- (b) Connected Care in Hartlepool – Available online at: <http://www.turning-point.co.uk/commissionerszone/centreofexcellence/Pages/Hartlepool.aspx>
- (c) Durham University Evaluation of Connected Care in Hartlepool
- (d) Wistow G & Callaghan G, 'Connected Care in Hartlepool re-visited: Can a Holistic and Community-Centred Approach Survive Implementation'

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

- 6.1 Community engagement plays a crucial role in the Scrutiny process and diversity issues have been considered in the background research for this enquiry under the Equality Standards for Local Government. Based upon the research undertaken, paragraph 5.2 includes suggestions as to potential groups which the Forum may wish involve throughout the inquiry (where it is felt appropriate and time allows).

7. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE DEDICATED OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUDGET

- 7.1 Consideration has been given, through the background research for this scoping report, to the need to request funding from the dedicated Overview and Scrutiny budget to aid Members in their enquiry. At this stage no additional funding has been identified as being necessary to support Members in their investigation. Members, however, may wish to seek additional funding over the course of the investigation and the pro forma attached at **Appendix A** outlines the criteria on which a request to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee will be judged.

8. PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF THE SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION

- 8.1 Detailed below is the proposed timetable for the review to be undertaken, which may be changed at any stage:-

23 November 2010 – Formal Meeting of the Forum to receive the Scoping Report

December / January 2011 – Focus Group – identification of appropriate Forum Members to attend and discuss with those members of the community who have benefitted from Connected Care

1 February 2011 – Formal Meeting of the Forum to Receive:-

- (i) Setting the Scene Report – To cover the development, current delivery model and the impact of Connected Care in Hartlepool; and
- (ii) Feedback from Focus Group, Case Studies and any individuals participating in Connected Care co-ordinated delivery.

1 March 2011 – Formal Meeting of the Forum to receive:-

- (i) Evidence on lessons to be learnt from Durham University Evaluation and how these have been / might be applied to the development of Connected Care;
- (ii) Evidence on the impact on current and future budget pressures and how Connected Care could be provided in the future taking into consideration the current economic climate.
- (iii) Evidence from organisations involved in Connected Care.

29 March 2011 – Consideration of Draft Final Report by Health Scrutiny Forum

15 April 2011 – Consideration of Final Report by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

To be confirmed – Consideration of Final Report by the Cabinet

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 Members are recommended to agree the Health Scrutiny Forum's remit of the Scrutiny investigation as outlined in paragraph 4.1

Contact Officer:- James Walsh – Scrutiny Support Officer
Chief Executives Department – Corporate Strategy
Hartlepool Borough Council
Tel:- 01429 523647
Email:- james.walsh@hartlepool.gov.uk

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper(s) was/were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) Turning Point *Connected Care*, Available from <http://www.turning-point.co.uk/commissionerszone/centreofexcellence/Pages/ConnectedCare.aspx> (Accessed 27 September 2010)
- (b) Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Forum entitled 'Reaching Families in Need' presented at the meeting of Cabinet of 17 August 2009
- (c) Callaghan G (2010) *Evaluation of Connected Care in Hartlepool*, Durham University
- (d) Report by the Director of Child and Adult Services entitled 'Progress Report – Connected Care' presented to Cabinet of 8 February 2010

APPENDIX A

**PRO-FORMA TO REQUEST FUNDING TO SUPPORT
CURRENT SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION**

<p>Title of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM</p>
<p>Title of the current scrutiny investigation for which funding is requested: Connected Care</p>
<p>To clearly identify the purpose for which additional support is required:</p>
<p>To outline indicative costs to be incurred as a result of the additional support:</p>
<p>To outline any associated timescale implications:</p>
<p>To outline the ‘added value’ that may be achieved by utilising the additional support as part of the undertaking of the Scrutiny Investigation:</p>

To outline any requirements / processes to be adhered to in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules / Standing Orders:

To outline the possible disadvantages of not utilising the additional support during the undertaking of the Scrutiny Investigation:

To outline any possible alternative means of additional support outside of this proposal:

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 November 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SERVICE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update Members in relation to the Service Transformation Project.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Members will recall at their meeting of 22 June 2010, the Forum agreed to receive regular updates in relation to the Service Transformation Project which emanates from the Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare Programme.

2.2 Members will also be aware of the agreement by the Forum at their meeting of 12 October 2010, to be involved in an Independent Review into Accident and Emergency at the University Hospital of Hartlepool.

2.3 In light of the involvement of Members of the Forum in the Independent Review into Accident and Emergency at the University Hospital of Hartlepool, developments through the Service Transformation Project in terms of Accident & Emergency and Minor Injuries will be postponed until a future meeting of the Forum.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Members note the content of this report.

Contact Officer:- James Walsh – Scrutiny Support Officer
Chief Executive's Department
Hartlepool Borough Council
Telephone Number: 01429 526647
E-mail – james.walsh@hartlepool.gov.uk

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 November 2010



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT
COMMITTEE - UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of issues discussed at meetings of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee held since the last update provided at the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Forum on 12 October 2010.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 A summary is provided below of the issues discussed at a recent Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee Meetings. Further information on these issues is available from the Scrutiny Support Officer and where appropriate clarification can be sought from Hartlepool's Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee representatives who are present at today's meeting:-

- 2.2 The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee met on 23 August 2010 when the following issues were discussed:-

(i) Mental Health Services – Capacity of Community Services

Members had agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 19 July 2010 that they would undertake an investigation into Mental Health Service Provision across the Tees Valley. Subsequently, representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust provided Members with an update, particularly in relation to the development of Roseberry Park to replace the provision at North Tees and St Luke's sites.

(ii) White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS

Members of the Committee examined the key developments suggested in the NHS White Paper. Concerns were raised on a number of issues and it was agreed that constituent Authorities would submit their comments back to the Joint Committee, once they had held discussions within their own Health Overview and Scrutiny Forums.

2.3 The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee met on 13 September 2010 when the following issues were discussed:-

(i) Momentum Update

The Momentum Programme Director provided Members of the Committee with an update in terms of the Momentum Programme. It was noted that the decision by the Treasury in relation to the funding of the Hospital at Wynyard was likely to delay developments by at least one year. Currently North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust were actively seeking funding through private businesses that it was hoped would have interest rates which were less than the traditional PFI route. It was, however, noted that the overall footprint for the Hospital and single bed occupancy may have to change to reduce the overall cost of the project, although there was reassurance that there were no plans not to deliver all the services from the Hospital which had been originally consulted on in 2008.

(ii) Cancer Screening – An Update on Progress

The Executive Director for Public Health provided the Committee with an update in relation to Cancer Screening Services. It was noted that there had been improvements in the number of patients accessing Cancer Screening Services across the Tees Valley, although encouraging take-up in certain communities (particularly where health inequalities existed) were still challenging.

(iii) White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS

The Committee agreed that a final draft submission from the Committee should be collated by the Chair of the Committee from representations at the Joint Committee meeting and those constituent Authorities who had provided written summaries.

2.4 The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee also met on 8 November 2010 when the following issues were discussed:-

(i) Sexual Health Services Across Tees

Members were informed that there had been a slight delay in signing the contract between NHS Tees and the provider Assura Stockton LLP, due to complexities around the employment model. The Committee was informed that One Life Hartlepool currently provided a full range of CASH services and there were plans to integrate GUM services in the future. There was also an acknowledgement that success would be difficult to measure and initially there maybe an increase in detection rates for the current baseline, which did not necessarily mean that the service was not working. Members agreed to receive an update at a future meeting of the Committee.

(ii) Mental Health & Wellbeing in the BME Community

As part of the Committee's on-going inquiry into Mental Health Services across the Tees Valley, Members received an update from NHS Tees in

relation to the provision of services to the BME communities. Representatives informed Members that the withdrawal of Community Development Workers was being offset with a movement towards contracts ensuring providers of mental health services were open to all members of communities, although Members were circulated a letter from Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind which raised concerns about the developments.

- 2.5 Members are asked to note that paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 were deferred to note from the Health Scrutiny Forum meeting held on 12 October 2010.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members note the content of the report and outline any possible comments in relation to the issues discussed which they would like the Chair to relay back to the Joint Committee on their behalf.

Contact Officer:- James Walsh – Scrutiny Support Officer
Chief Executive's Department - Corporate Strategy
Hartlepool Borough Council
Tel: 01429 523647
Email: james.walsh@hartlepool.gov.uk

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Forum held on 12 October 2010.