

## **Health Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 1 August 2006**

#### **Review of NHS Dentistry Provision**

##### **Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

The Committee met representatives from the Patient and Public Involvement Forum and the Patient Advice Liaison Service in order to gather views of the public for this review.

The Committee is beginning to determine its recommendations.

##### **Timescale for Review**

Unchanged. Due to be presented to Cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

#### **Acute Service Provision**

Stockton Borough Council's view was referred to the Secretary of State for Health from the Health Select Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The Council received publicity and positive feedback from the press for its position and the Chief executive of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust Ian Dalton said: "We await the outcome of that referral, and we note that Stockton Council appreciates that running identical services on both our North Tees and Hartlepool sites is not viable." This position could not be agreed at the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee which made its own referral on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Health Scrutiny Support Programme**

Linda Phipps, North East Programme Advocate is liaising with the Scrutiny Officer to provide up to 4 days of support to the Health Select Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of Children and Young People, and Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committees as they have social care responsibilities, around the following three areas.

- 'essential' health scrutiny (getting the basics of health scrutiny right)
- 'advancing' health scrutiny (building on the foundations of good health scrutiny)
- 'national policy, local focus' (the local impact of healthcare policies)

More information will be given when a programme has been agreed.