

## **Health Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 19 December 2006**

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

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

The final report was endorsed by the PCT Board on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

The report was sent to North East Strategic Health Authority but no response has been given to the recommendation that consultation be carried out to determine the level of support for water fluoridation in the Borough.

##### **Work Programme**

The Committee has not identified a specific issue to scrutinise. In the interim alternative work is being undertaken.

The Select Committee met with representatives from the Healthcare Commission in the region on 24<sup>th</sup> November who provided background and guidance so that the Committee is fully involved and improves its response to the PCT and Hospital Trusts Annual Healthcheck.

In addition, arrangements are being made for the Committee to visit University Hospital North Tees and the Lawson Street Medical Centre and to speak with Health Trades Unions.

##### **Acute Service Provision**

The IRP will report its findings on 18<sup>th</sup> December to the Secretary of State and will then publish its report and meeting transcripts on its web site 4 weeks later.