

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 20 February 2006

Work Programme

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

1. Members of the Select Committee undertook a visit to University Hospital North Tees (UHNT). A visit to University Hospital Hartlepool, the site of the majority of elective surgery is still to be arranged.
2. The Select Committee met representatives from UHNT on 12th February as part of the hospital trust's consultation process as it is applying for foundation trust status. If successful that would:
 - Devolve more power and responsibility to the local level so that the hospital is better able to respond to the needs of patients.
 - Devolve accountability to local stakeholders including NHS patients and staff.
 - Support patient choice by increasing the plurality and diversity of providers within the NHS.

The consultation process ends on 16th April 2007.

3. The Select Committee will meet representatives from the primary care and hospital trusts to discuss the Annual Healthcheck submissions in March.