

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 13 May 2008

Next Review

The subject for the next review identified at the Scrutiny Liaison Forum Meeting and agreed at Executive Scrutiny on Tuesday, 1st April was audiology. It came to the Committee's attention that Middlesbrough's Health Scrutiny Panel was completing a review of this topic and so decided to delay the start of the audiology review to avoid duplication.

The Committee in the interim has started to review the location and services of a new health centre proposed to be developed in Hardwick Ward at Tithebarn House. The PCT began a consultation of its proposals on 5th May which will run for 13 weeks.

Other Work

The First Phase Section 244 Consultation Committee set up with other local authorities to respond to the NHS plans for a new hospital north of the River Tees will take place between June and September. The constitution of this committee is still to be determined.

The Committee continues to be updated about the development of a Local Involvement Network (LINK). Procurement of the Host organisation for the LINK is being scrutinised to ensure best value is achieved. The Committee most recently provided feedback on the tender specification.

Monitoring

The Alcohol Services Review Action Plan will be presented to the Select Committee in June 2008 for consideration and agreement.