

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – July 2008

Current Reviews

Momentum

The Committee, working with Members from North Yorkshire County Council, have begun a Section 244 review investigating the issues being consulted upon by a Joint NHS Committee regarding changes to primary and secondary health care in Stockton Borough.

Following the All Member Briefing on 9th June meetings have been held on 16th and 23rd June to discuss further aspects of the consultation process and how the issues are to be scrutinised.

The Committee has decided to take evidence from the following to assist its judgement and response:

Dr John Canning - Cleveland Local Medical Committee

Victoria Cooling - Practice Based Commissioning Manager

Neil Nicholson, PCT Director of Finance

Stockton Council Planning and Transport Sections (Mike Robinson, Bill Trewick, John Kavanagh, Elizabeth Bird)

Affected Town and Parish Councils

Trade Unions – Unison, Unite, T&G

Meetings are planned for 14th and 28 July and 4th August. Information from all meetings (whether in Stockton or Hartlepool) is being shared amongst all councils involved in this review.

The consultation process ends on 1st September after which Stockton and North Yorkshire Councils' views will be submitted with Hartlepool and Durham Councils' views in a joint committee report. A joint committee meeting involving all of the councils is due to take place on 5th September.

Stockton Health Centre Developments

Members will attend a further public meeting on 3rd July at Aspen Gardens, Hardwick before responding to the consultation process which ends on Friday, 1st August

Other Work

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.