

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 2 September 2008

Current Reviews

Momentum

The Committee, working with Members from North Yorkshire County Council, have completed the formal evidence gathering for the 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, in particular the location of a new hospital.

A report was agreed by Cabinet on the 14th August with one amendment regarding a transport issue. The consultation process ended on 1st September. A joint committee meeting involving all of the councils involved is due to take place in Hartlepool at 3.00 p.m. on 2nd September. Stockton and North Yorkshire Councils' views have been combined with Hartlepool and Durham Councils' views to form a joint committee response. An agreed report will then be sent to the NHS.

Audiology

The Committee is due to begin its next review examining audiology services in the borough. It has yet to scope and project plan this review.

Other Work

The Committee is arranging to meet with representatives of the Shaw Trust, chosen as the Host organisation for the LINK. A date is yet to be confirmed.

A day of health scrutiny training is being arranged for Friday, 26th September 2008 run by Linda Phipps, Regional Advocate for the North - Centre for Public Scrutiny. This will be open to all non-executive councillors and it is especially hoped to get representation from Children and Young People, and Corporate, Adult Services and Social Inclusion Select Committees as they specifically have scrutiny of social care responsibilities.