

## **Health Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 30 September 2008**

#### **Current Reviews**

##### **Audiology**

The Committee has met to discuss the scope and project plan for this review.

It will begin its review on 27<sup>th</sup> October and expects to reach its conclusion in January reporting to Cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Although Middlesbrough's Health Scrutiny Committee has looked at this issue the specific areas identified by Stockton's Health Select Committee were care pathways, the timescale for changeover to digital hearing aids, and services for children.

It is hoped to include representation from Stockton Council's Disability Advisory Group throughout this review as well as giving committee members an opportunity to visit audiology departments.

#### **Other Work**

##### **Momentum**

The NHS Joint Committee met yesterday to make its decisions following the consultation exercise for stage one of the Momentum proposals.

We now await the second stage of consultation which will determine which services will be located at the new hospital, whether any will be relocated from James Cook Hospital, and what services will be available in the community settings.