

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 27 January 2009

Audiology

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The Committee have received evidence from Elaine Wyllie (Tees PCT) regarding:

- Services and location of services
- Care Pathways
- Identification/ detection of hearing problems

and from the Council's Sensory Loss Team on the service they provide.

The Committee also had a site visit to James Cook Audiology Department and received evidence from Des Robertshaw, Head of Audiology regarding:

- Waiting lists
- Medical treatments and interventions
- Do not attend rates

In addition, arrangements are being made for the Committee to obtain feedback from users of the service through viewpoint focus groups and a staff discussion group.

Timescale

The Committee will be formulating recommendations on 23 February 2009. The timescale for reporting to Cabinet has not, however, been finalised, subject to any additional meetings being agreed.

Other Work

Annual Healthcheck – The Committee will be meeting with health partners at the meeting on 23 February to formulate their response to the annual healthcheck