

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 5 May 2009

Audiology

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The Committee met on 6 April to agree its final report on the review of Audiology

The Committee's work programme for 2009-10 will initially concentrate on the EIT Programme and will consist of a review of Fair Access To Care.

Timescale

The Committee's Audiology report will be presented to Cabinet on 14 May.

Other Work

Consultation on Billingham Headway Developments – The Committee received a presentation on Billingham Headway Developments on 16 March 2009 and indicated its support for the proposed development.

North East Ambulance Services (NEAS) – Foundation Trust Application –The NEAS are to commence a period of consultation on their application for Foundation Trust status. The consultation was to commence on 9 March but has been delayed and the Trust now intend to commence this on 5 June. The Committee have agreed that this matter should be considered on a joint basis by the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee with input to a regional scrutiny body as appropriate.

In addition, as part of its consultation, NEAS had planned to present its proposals to each individual council, alongside any scrutiny work that may have taken place. Tthe Joint Committee has offered to host this presentation for the sub-region and invite Members from across the Tees Valley.

North East Ambulance Services (NEAS) – Annual Health Check. This has been considered by the Tees Valley Health Joint Scrutiny Committee, and comments made by a sub-group consisting of the Chair and Vice-Chair will constitute the Committee's response. The NEAS's proposals needed to be submitted by 1 May.