

Health Select Committee

A meeting of Health Select Committee was held on Monday, 8th September, 2008.

Present: Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

Officers: Graham Birtle, Fiona Shayler, Kirsty Wannop (LD).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

None

2 **Minutes for Signing - 16 June 2008, 23rd June 2008, 14th July 2008, 21st July 2008, 28th July 2008.**

The minutes of 16th June, 23rd June, 14th July, 21st July, 28th July, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th August 2008 - For Approval**

The minutes of the meeting of 4th August 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

4 **Review of Audiology Services**

Members were provided with a briefing paper in order to begin their review of audiology services as agreed at Scrutiny Liaison Forum on 25th March 2008. The briefing paper was to provide background for Members.

Members were provided with Middlesbrough Council's Health Scrutiny Panel review of Audiology Services Final Report to enable Members to avoid a duplication of work. A copy of their report was provided for Members information.

Discussion was held on the issues relating to audiology services and felt that there was two strands to problems in relation to waiting lists:-

1. New patients waiting for a new hearing aid.
2. Patients with an analogue hearing aid waiting for a digital hearing aid.

Members felt that they still wished to complete a review of audiology services as there were still a number of issues that they felt had not been covered within Middlesbrough Council's report and also there were particular issues that relate directly to Stockton.

Members discussed what they would like to have included within the scope and project plan. The Scrutiny Officer would draft the scope and project plan, which would be submitted to the next meeting following consideration at a tripartite meeting.

CONCLUDED that the Scope and Project Plan be drawn up and a tripartite meeting be held. The Scope and Project Plan be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

5 **Work Programme**

The final joint health scrutiny report for the Review of Momentum had been sent to the Momentum Team and a response to the report had been received. A letter had been sent to the Momentum Team on behalf of residents of Wynyard and a copy had been provided to Members of the Select Committee.

A request had been received for the Select Committee to be included within the consultation process for Worldclass Commissioning.

Further meetings be arranged for the review of Audiology Services.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

6 Chairman's Update

Health Scrutiny Training would be held on 26th September 2008.

The referral document had now been submitted to the Secretary of State with regard to the relocation of the North East Ambulance Call Centre proposals. The Chairman could provide a copy of the referral for Members information if required.

CONCLUDED that the Chairman's update be noted.