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## Update on Regional, and Sub-Regional, Joint Health Scrutiny

### Summary

The Committee are requested to consider an update on the work of the Regional Health Scrutiny Committee, and the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

### Detail

#### North East Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

1. The Regional Committee met on 20 September. Cllr Dryden of Middlesbrough BC was elected chair and support duties for the Committee will now move to Middlesbrough from Stockton.
2. The Committee considered the results of the national review of children's heart surgery consultation on behalf of the region. Members agreed to submit additional comments that re-iterated the Committee's original submission and support for the Freeman Hospital's unit, praise for the comprehensive consultation, and for the robust and clinically-led nature of the options appraisal process. A final decision on the review is expected later this year.
3. The Committee also received an update on the regional roll-out of the NHS 111 urgent care telephone number, and the first progress report on the implementation of the recommendations from the scrutiny review of the health needs of ex-service personnel.
4. The draft minutes from the meeting of 20 September are attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

#### Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

5. The Committee met on 10 October to receive an update on local NHS winter preparations.
6. The Committee also considered a report from South Tees NHS Foundation Trust on proposals to centralise sub-regional consultant-led orthodontic services at the James Cook, and Friarage Hospitals. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

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