

**SBC Internal Audit Report : Adhoc Audits – Partnership Management –
Covering Report**

1. An internal audit of Adhoc – Partnerships Management has recently been carried out on SSP. The report looked at our Partnership along with the Western Area Partnership and Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Partnership. A full copy of the report is attached for further background.
2. The findings and recommendations noted that the background covered obtained full assurance, which means that a sound system of controls is being applied consistently. Six recommendations were identified, listed at Appendix A of the report.
3. The one recommendation directly relating to SSP is to put in place a declaration of interests register (listed on Appendix A). This has been noted, and will now be carried out.
4. **RECOMMENDED** – that the report be noted and any comments are given to Marilyn Davies.