

Health Scrutiny Committee

4 April 2005

**Joint Committee – Mental Health
Services - Tees and North East
Yorkshire Trust**



Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose of Report

1. To explain the progress made by the Joint Committee which has been looking at proposals to change mental health provision, particularly in the southern part of Easington.

Background

2. The Sub-Committee is represented on the Joint Committee which has been set up to consider proposed changes in mental health service provision affecting the southern part of Easington. The consultation process refers to the package of proposals as the "Advance" project.
3. A significant number of presentations have been made to the Joint Committee. The general view seems to be that the proposed improvements in facilities in the Tees Valley will be beneficial. The main issues for residents of County Durham appear to relate to:
 - Improving local services to avoid in-patient care
 - The need to improve public transport to assist patients and visitors attending the new facilities
 - The need to maintain free parking for patients and visitors whatever arrangements are made for the development of new facilities
4. A detailed report is being prepared to set out the views of the Joint Committee. The section relating to County Durham is attached for information.

Recommendation

5. You are asked to note the position and to provide any further comments.

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