



To: Health & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017

Notes of: Committee Administrator

## **HIGHLIGHTING THE SYMPTOMS OF SEPSIS**

### **Background**

At the February meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel, Members agreed to a request from Councillor Julie Henderson, to include a review on highlighting the symptoms of Sepsis in the Panel's 2017/18 work programme.

### **Issue**

The Panel agreed to the request after being presented with the following (unsubstantiated) statement -

"Cancer, Diabetes and Heart Failure are publicised on a daily basis, but a problem that isn't publicised on the same basis is Sepsis, yet it takes between 36-64 thousand lives per year in the UK, more than breast cancer, bowel cancer and road traffic accidents put together. Approximately one thousand children are dying from Sepsis.

70% of Sepsis cases arise in the community.

4 out of 10 people will die from severe Sepsis.

ITU beds for patient with Sepsis alone costs the NHS 2.5 BILLION pounds per year."

### **The Way Forward**

Councillor Henderson has been invited to the meeting to discuss the issue in more detail.

Following the discussion the Panel will need to consider how it wishes to proceed with the review.

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