



HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

19 May 2004

“Choosing Health”

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To begin the discussion about the Panel’s response to the public consultation around health issues.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Government has issued a major consultation document called “Choosing Health”. Members of the Panel have received copies of the full document, although a copy of the key questions contained in the consultation are attached at Appendix A for ease of reference.
- 2.2 Peter Kelly, Director of Health Improvement at Middlesbrough PCT addressed the Panel at the meeting on 16 April about how the PCT is tackling the consultation locally and how the Panel might be involved. A copy of the paper submitted by Peter Kelly is attached at Appendix B.
- 2.3 It was agreed that Peter Kelly would return to the Panel at this meeting and that in the meantime all Councillors would be asked for their views on the consultation.
- 2.4 The Mayor has been invited to attend the Panel’s meeting but is unable to do so. The Deputy Mayor and the Executive Member for Social Services and Health Care have also been invited to attend.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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