

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
23 FEBRUARY 2005**

**EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS REVIEW: EVIDENCE FROM
MIDDLESBROUGH PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce to the Panel representation from Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust to discuss the topic of Emergency Admissions into James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information provided.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. In considering the topic of Emergency Admissions at James Cook University Hospital, it is very important to consider the views of Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust. In the modern NHS the PCT occupies a unique position as a commissioner of services, acting on behalf of the community it serves to ensure the services which are needed are provided. Consequently it's views on any perceived pressures on services provided for the people of Middlesbrough and the potential impacts of those pressures are crucial to the review.
4. It is to this end that representatives of the PCT will be in attendance at today's meeting to present their views. There are a number of areas that the PCT will be able to provide the Panel with evidence in respect of the Emergency Admissions Review. The following is a list of questions, which the Panel may wish to explore (amongst others) with the PCT.
 - a) What is the PCT's view on the current level of emergency admissions at James Cook?
 - b) Is it concerned by the current rate?

- c) What are the budgetary ramifications for the PCT?
- d) What could be done/ is planned from a PCT perspective to address the issue?
- e) What sort of impact does the PCT feel the out of hours arrangements have had/ will have on the rate of emergency admissions?
- f) Does the PCT feel that developing the community hospital infrastructure or any other such developments will reduce the current rate of Emergency admissions at James Cook?
- g) Does the PCT feel there is a revolving door syndrome, whereby the same cohort of people are going backwards and forwards between primary and secondary care?

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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