

AGENDA ITEM: 7

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
23 FEBRUARY 2005**

**MIDDLESBROUGH PRIMARY CARE TRUST: DRAFT PATIENT &
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To seek the Health Scrutiny Panel's views on the Middlesbrough PCT's Draft Patient & Public Involvement Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members note the information provided
3. That Members make any comments felt appropriate regarding the Strategy for them to be fed into the consultation process.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. The Government's vision for the National Health Service is one where the patient sits at the centre of everyone's priorities. The NHS Plan published in 2000 said;

"Patients are the most important people in the health service. It doesn't always appear that way. Too many patients feel talked at rather than listened to. This has to change."

5. It is against this backdrop, that Middlesbrough PCT has prepared a draft Patient & Public Involvement Strategy. The strategy is the result of much work that has taken place in the PCT's area in recent years.

6. It aims to outline how the PCT will involve and consult with patients, local residents and other key stakeholders in the planning and development of services, ultimately
7. The strategy provides the bigger picture as to why the PCT is doing this and where the PCT hopes what this approach will deliver.
8. A key part of the Patient & Public Involvement Agenda driven by central government is the role of health overview and scrutiny. It is to this end that the Health Scrutiny Panel is being afforded the opportunity to comment on the document whilst it is still in a draft format.
9. Any comments that the Health Scrutiny Panel wishes to make regarding the draft strategy will be forwarded to the PCT to be taken account of.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. A copy of the NHS Plan can be found on www.dh.gov.uk

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