

AGENDA ITEM: 5

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL  
8 APRIL 2005**

**PATIENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORUMS - RESULTS OF THE  
CONSULTATION EXERCISE**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To bring to the Panel's attention the results of a Department of Health consultation exercise into the support arrangements for Patient & Public Involvement Forums.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That Members note the information provided.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. As Members will be aware, the Department of Health conducted a consultation exercise into the support arrangements for Patient & Public Involvement Forums.
4. at the Health Scrutiny Panel meeting on 21 December 2004, Members were asked for their views into support arrangements and where the arrangements could be developed to contribute to the consultation.
5. The views which were put forward were assimilated into a response to the consultation.
6. The attached document, labelled as Appendix 1 is a Department of Health publication outlining the results of the consultation process. This is attached for the Panel's information.
7. Some of the main areas of development include:
  - a) the role of the NHS Appointments Commission in appointing forum members
  - b) the functions of the centre for excellence in patient and public involvement

- c) staffing support for forums
  - d) effective relationships between forums and key stakeholders.
8. The attached paper sets out the main themes that have emerged and the key decisions which ministers believe are fundamental for PPI forums to be effective.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. Please see attached Department of Health publication.

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