

AGENDA ITEM: 4 (b)

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

21 FEBRUARY 2006

**CONSULTATION ON PRIMARY CARE TRUST ARRANGEMENTS –
EVIDENCE FROM THE STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce to representatives of the Strategic Health Authority to the Health Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the contents of the presentation given by the Strategic Health Authority.
3. That the Panel asks any questions felt pertinent, particularly with reference to the impact of the proposals upon residents of Middlesbrough.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. Members of the Panel will be aware that there is presently a consultation ongoing into the future of Primary Care Trust arrangements in the Tees Valley.
5. The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met last week to consider the Tees Valley wide implications of the proposals.
6. The purpose of this Agenda Item is to allow the Middlesbrough Health Scrutiny Panel to take evidence in relation to the impacts upon Middlesbrough and its residents specifically. It is to this end that representatives of the Strategic Health Authority are in attendance today.
7. Following today's meeting, the evidence gathered will be forwarded to the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee so it may submit a response to the consultation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. Please see attached consultation document.

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