

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

6 MARCH 2006

**REVIEW INTO OUT OF HOURS SERVICES: EVIDENCE FROM
MIDDLESBROUGH PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representatives of Middlesbrough PCT to the Panel to present evidence in relation to the Out of Hours services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members notes the evidence received.
3. That the Panel asks any questions felt pertinent to the overall review.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. The Panel will be aware that this is the first meeting of the scrutiny review into Out of Hours services provision. Following changes to the way the service is provided, it is Primary Care Trusts which are responsible for the provision of Out of Hours services.
5. As a first step in the conducting of the review, it is necessary for the Panel to hear from the PCT as to how the service is currently provided.
6. It is to this end that Middlesbrough PCT will be in attendance at today's meeting. The PCT will provide a briefing for the Panel on the Out of Hours service, its operation and management. The PCT representatives are also willing to answer any questions, which the Panel has in relation to the Out of Hours service.
7. Following the meeting today, the Panel will also be taking evidence from other stakeholders connected with the Out of Hours service, including the the Cleveland Local Medical Committee and the Patients Forum.

8. Following that evidence gathering, it may be prudent to invite the PCT back to talk to the Panel again, and answer any further questions the Panel has formulated as a result of its evidence gathering.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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