

AGENDA ITEM: 4

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
19 APRIL 2006**

**OUT OF HOURS REVIEW: EVIDENCE FROM THE CLEVELAND
LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce to the Panel a representative of the Cleveland Local Medical Committee in attendance at today's meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information received at today's meeting, with a view to incorporating it into the overall review.
3. That the Panel asks any questions felt relevant to the topic and assist in the collation of evidence for the Review.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. During the Review of Out of Hours services, the Panel has so far taken evidence from Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust, Primecare (the contracted service provider) and the Middlesbrough PCT Patient & Public Involvement. Following the collation of that evidence, the Panel felt it would be advantageous to the review to research the views of the Cleveland Local Medical Committee in relation to the Out of Hours service.
5. It is to this end that the Cleveland Local Medical Committee is in attendance at today's meeting. Local Medical Committees are statutory bodies, established to represent the views and positions of local general practitioners.
6. Following the consideration of the evidence provided by the Cleveland Local Medical Committee, it is anticipated that the Panel will invite the PCT to speak to the Panel again, to cover areas of questioning which have presented to the Panel during the review. The Panel's deliberations will also be informed by desk based paper research, which is currently ongoing.

7. Following that meeting with the PCT, it is anticipated that a Final Report will be produced.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. No background papers were used in the production of this report.

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