

AGENDA ITEM: 4

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**19 NOVEMBER 2007**

**LIFE EXPECTANCY WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON  
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE:**

**A DISCUSSION ON THE WAY FORWARD**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce to the Panel representatives from Middlesbrough PCT's Public Health function, Middlesbrough PCT's Commissioning function, Cleveland Local Medical Committee and the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust. These organisations are in attendance to present their views on the future of cardiovascular disease (CVD) services and to take part in the wider debate.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Panel notes the views put forward by the witnesses in the context of the wider review.
3. That the Panel considers the wider debate at the meeting, as it moves towards the production of a Final Report.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

4. As Members are aware, the Panel has been investigating Life Expectancy in Middlesbrough, with a particular focus on CVD. The Panel has received a substantial amount of information from a variety of sources. The Panel has received information on the public health picture across Middlesbrough, the incidence of CVD against national averages, the nature of services provided in Middlesbrough and the level of take up of those services. Those services covered include preventative measures available, as well as hospital based services and the nature of leisure services across the town. The Panel has also received evidence on social policy questions and what wider society can do to tackle such problems as CVD.

5. Following this exhaustive trawl of evidence of what services presently exist, it falls to the Health Scrutiny Panel to move the debate forward into the domain of what services should be developed in the near future.
6. It is to this end that today's meeting has been arranged. As highlighted in paragraph 1 there a number of witnesses attending the meeting, each with a different area of activity, although all crucial to the tackling of CVD in Middlesbrough.
7. Following discussion with the Chair, each of those witnesses have been asked to provide a briefing paper, which covers three initial questions. Some briefing papers are attached as appendices to this report. The others will follow. Those questions are:
  - 7.1 What are the current challenges the NHS faces in Commissioning for CVD?
  - 7.2 Where should Commissioning for CVD be in 3 years?
  - 7.3 Aside from Commissioning, what can the town, and the range of partners within it, do to tackle CVD?
8. It is anticipated that each witness will be invited to briefly speak to their paper, before questions are taken and a wider debate ensues. Following that debate, it is anticipated that the Panel will have all of the evidence required to produce a Final Report. It is expected that a Draft Report, detailing all of the evidence considered, will be compiled as a matter of urgency. It will be presented to the Health Scrutiny Panel for the evidence to be considered and the Panel to make its conclusions and draft any recommendations felt appropriate.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. Please see the attached marked appendices from
  - A) Briefing Paper from Cleveland Local Medical Committee
  - B) Briefing Paper from Middlesbrough PCT Commissioning function

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