

AGENDA ITEM: 5

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**5 MARCH 2008**

**MIDDLESBROUGH PCT  
HEALTHCARE COMMISSION DECLARATION**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce representation from Middlesbrough PCT, in attendance at today's meeting to address the Panel regarding the above topic.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Panel considers the presentation and associated evidence received from the PCT.
3. That the Panel considers whether it wishes to make a contribution to the PCT's declaration to the Healthcare Commission.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

4. As the Panel is aware, under a quality checking regime of the Healthcare Commission, NHS Trusts are required to declare their level of compliance against a set of core standards. Health scrutiny has the opportunity to comment on a Trust's performance and those comments have to be inserted into the Trust's declaration of performance against the core standards, as unedited contributions.
5. It is to this end that representatives of the PCT will be in attendance at today's meeting; to take Members through relevant core standards and the PCT's evidenced performance against those standards, through a presentation.
6. The Panel is required to decide whether, following the presentation and ensuing discussion on the topic, it wishes to express any views or opinions on the PCT's performance, which would be inserted into the PCT's declaration unedited. The Panel may wish to make those comments on the strength of the evidence to be presented today and/or experience of working with the PCT over the last year.

7. Any contribution the Panel wishes to make will be prepared by support staff and supplied to the PCT, consistent with the wishes of the Panel.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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