

AGENDA ITEM:

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

18 JUNE 2008

**GP PRACTICE AND GP LED HEALTH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT
PROPOSALS:
A MIDDLESBROUGH PCT CONSULTATION**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from Middlesbrough PCT to discuss the proposals around GP Practice and GP Led Health Centre Development Proposals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the contents of the briefing received from the PCT, ahead of considering how it would like to respond to the PCT consultation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. As Members may be aware, there is presently a public consultation being held by Middlesbrough PCT, around proposals pertaining to a new GP Practice and a GP Led Health Centre Development. As Members will be aware, the topic of access to primary care services has had a particularly high national profile for the last year or so, with a great deal of debate taking place around the best way forward.
4. The PCT, in line with a national government initiative, is looking to expand the amount of choice available to local people in so far as General Practice is concerned and is now holding a public consultation on people's views. In consultations such as this, the Health Scrutiny Panel must be consulted by the PCT as a matter of statute. To this end, the PCT are in attendance today to talk the Panel briefly through the attached consultation document which outlines the measures proposed.
5. The attached document, which has been produced by the PCT, is fairly succinct and as such it is not proposed to repeat its contents here.

Nonetheless, Members may wish to pay specific attention to page 9, which details the specific themes which the PCT would like to hear views on.

6. Elsewhere on today's agenda, the Panel is also seeking the views of the Cleveland Local Medical Committee, which represents local GPs. Following the consideration of the evidence presented today, the Panel is asked to consider whether it wishes to engage with any other organisation, ahead of submitting a response to the consultation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please find attached a copy of the detailed consultation document, prepared by the PCT, which will form the basis of the debate at today's meeting.

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