

AGENDA ITEM:

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

18 JUNE 2008

**GP PRACTICE AND GP LED HEALTH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT
PROPOSALS:
VIEWS OF THE CLEVELAND LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from Cleveland Local Medical Committee (CLMC) 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 CLMC, 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.
5. As part of coming to a view on the suitability of the proposals, it is important that the Panel seeks evidence from sources other than the PCT. To this end, the CLMC has been invited to provide its view on the proposals for Middlesbrough. The CLMC is a statutory body that works to represent the

views of local General Practice. It is anticipated that the CLMC representation will initially outline their views on the measures proposed by the PCT, in advance of answering questions from the Panel.

6. Following consideration of the views put forward, Members are asked to consider whether it is felt anymore information is required, ahead of submitting a response to the PCT's consultation process.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. The PCT Consultation document appended will also form a key part of the discussion with the CLMC.

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