

AGENDA ITEM:

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

30 JULY 2008

**GP PRACTICE & GP LED HEALTH CENTRE
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS
A FURTHER BRIEFING BY MIDDLESBROUGH PRIMARY CARE
TRUST**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust, in attendance at today's meeting to provide a briefing for the Health Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the briefing provided at today's meeting, ahead of asking any questions felt appropriate.
3. That the Health Scrutiny Panel considers the position it would like to adopt on this topic, so a response may be submitted into the PCT consultation exercise.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. The Health Scrutiny Panel (on 18 June 2008) has already received a briefing from senior officers at the PCT around the proposals for developments to General Practice in the town. The Panel has previously had a detailed consultation document circulated. At that meeting, the Panel requested extra information be provided to it on two main themes. Firstly, it said it would like to see the evidence relied upon by the PCT, to support the assertion that people would like the ability to choose in Primary Care. Secondly, the Panel expressed an interest in hearing from the PCT some initial commentary on the types of views expressed during the consultation process and specifically, the types of services people have suggested should be provided in any new primary care facilities.

5. To this end, senior representatives from Middlesbrough PCT will be in attendance to brief Elected Members, on those themes. It is anticipated that the Middlesbrough PCT representatives will address the Panel, ahead of answering any questions that the Panel has. It may be of particular interest to the Panel to hear from the PCT as to what people seem to have been saying they would like to see provided in the General Practice/primary care environment.
6. Following the Panel's questioning and debate around the topic, it is politely suggested that the Panel formulates a view on the PCT's proposals, to enable a view to be fed into the PCT's Consultation process and subsequent decision making processes.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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