

AGENDA ITEM: 4

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

15 JANUARY 2009

**LIFE EXPECTANCY WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS UPON
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE:
ONE YEAR ON FROM THE FROM PANEL'S FINAL REPORT**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from Middlesbrough PCT, in attendance at the Panel meeting today to provide an update on the progress in implementing the recommendations from the Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Final Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members note the content of the briefing received today and ask any questions felt pertinent.
3. That the Panel considers drafting a report, outlining its thoughts on progress around CVD services, to be sent to the PCT Board for attention.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. As Members will be aware, in January 2008, the Health Scrutiny Panel published its final report into Life Expectancy in Middlesbrough, with a particular emphasis on CVD. The report was well received by the local NHS and Middlesbrough Council's Executive, whilst attracting a significant amount of local publicity.
5. The report considered a significant amount of evidence, from a wide range of sources in drawing up its conclusions and making its recommendations.
6. Those conclusions and recommendations are attached to this report as Appendix 1. Following receipt, the PCT Board considered the report and made a formal response as is outlined at Appendix 2. The service response that went to Executive is outlined at Appendix 3.

7. Following the positive reception that the Final Report (and its recommendations) received, the Panel felt that it would be a useful exercise to revisit the matter, to hear what progress is being made in addressing CVD in Middlesbrough. It was felt that one-year from the Report's publication in January 2008, would be a useful time to revisit the matter. The Panel meeting today takes place just over a year from the Report's publication.
8. It is to this end that Middlesbrough PCT will be represented at the Panel meeting today and will speak to a paper it has produced, outlining the progress made over the last year in addressing CVD in Middlesbrough. Middlesbrough PCT's paper is marked as Appendix 4.
9. It is suggested that the Panel invite the PCT to speak to the paper submitted (Appendix 4) and cover the salient points, ahead of Elected Members asking questions and a debate taking place. Following that, the Panel is asked to consider whether it would wish to prepare a further report, outlining its views on the progress that has been made. This paper could be submitted to the PCT Board, to ensure its awareness in such a key topic for Middlesbrough.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. Please find attached the following appendices
 - Appendix 1 – Executive Summary of Final Report into Life Expectancy in Middlesbrough, with a particular focus on Cardiovascular Disease. Published in January 2008.
 - Appendix 2 – Formal Response from Middlesbrough PCT to the Panel's Final Report.
 - Appendix 3 – Service Response submitted to Executive when it considered the matter on 1 April 2008.
 - Appendix 4 – Progress Paper produced by Middlesbrough PCT for the Panel's attention.

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