

AGENDA ITEM: 5

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**5 FEBRUARY 2009**

**PRACTICE BASED COMMISSIONING – A BRIEFING**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce representation from Middlesbrough PCT, who will be providing the Panel with an initial briefing on Practice Based Commissioning.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That Members note the content of the briefing received today and incorporate it into the overall review.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. As Members are aware, the Panel's next topic to be considered is 'Practice Based Commissioning'. At the last meeting of the Panel, Members considered how they would like to progress the consideration of the topic. It was agreed that as a first step, the Panel would find it beneficial to hold a meeting whereby a briefing was received on the background to Practice Based Commissioning, its key policy aims and its key features.
4. It is to this end that Middlesbrough PCT will be in attendance at today's meeting to provide that briefing for the Panel. Following today's briefing and debate, it is anticipated that the next meeting of the Panel will hear the views of a senior clinician involved in PBC in Middlesbrough, together with the views of Middlesbrough PCT.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

5. No background papers were used in the preparation of this paper.

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