

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

26 FEBRUARY 2009

PRACTICE BASED COMMISSIONING – FURTHER EVIDENCE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from Middlesbrough Practice Based Commissioning Cluster, who will be addressing the Panel to provide views 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. The Health Scrutiny Panel is presently considering the topic of 'Practice Based Commissioning'. At the last meeting of the Panel, Members considered an initial briefing on PBC from Middlesbrough PCT. Following that, Members felt that it would be useful to speak with clinical staff involved with PBC, to enable the Panel to consider a wider pool of opinion.
4. It is to this end that a clinical representative from the Middlesbrough PBC Cluster will be in attendance at today's meeting to speak about their views on PBC, its impact so far and what it can do in the future. As such, the Middlesbrough Cluster representative has been asked to initially address the following questions.
 - 4.1 What are your views on the origins of the PBC policy? Specifically, has your experience indicated that the policy aims of PBC are being met?
 - 4.2 What are your views on how PBC is organised in Middlesbrough?
 - 4.3 What sort of impact has PBC had on service design/service provision in Middlesbrough?

- 4.4 How would you like to see PBC develop in Middlesbrough in the next 3 years?
5. To address these initial questions, the Middlesbrough PBC Cluster representative has prepared a paper, which is attached to this short briefing report. It is anticipated that the PBC Cluster representative will initially speak to the paper, ahead of answering questions.
6. Following today's consideration of evidence and debate, the Health Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider how it would like to progress this matter. It could be that the Panel would like to host a roundtable debate, with numerous perspectives present, aimed at addressing some of the issues relating to PBC identified to date.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please see Appendix 1, which is a paper from the Middlesbrough PBC Cluster Lead, covering initial observations on PBC.

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