

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

8 OCTOBER 2009

STROKE SERVICES FINAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To seek the views of the Health Scrutiny Panel on progressing the Stroke Services Final Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel considers how it would like to progress the consideration and production of the Final Report into Stroke Services.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. As Members are aware, the Panel has been considering the topic of Stroke in Middlesbrough and the services available to people who have had a Stroke.
4. A DRAFT Final Report is currently being finalised, which will be presented to the Panel for consideration at its meeting on 22 October 2009. Representatives from the *Positive Strokes* support group will be in attendance at the meeting on 22 October 2009, in addition to the Stroke Lead from NHS Middlesbrough. The purpose of the attendance of *Positive Strokes* and NHS Middlesbrough is to discuss the Panel's draft report and for the Panel to 'test out' the merit and feasibility of the Panel's emerging recommendations.
5. The purpose of this report is to seek the views of Members as to how that debate should be handled and whether there are any particular questions that the Panel would like to put to *Positive Strokes* before the 22 October 2009 meeting, to allow them to consider their replies.
6. Using the in-room technology, at today's meeting the Panel will also be able to see an electronic copy of the DRAFT Final Report into Stroke Services. The Panel is asked to consider whether there are any particular

recommendations that it feels should be made regarding Stroke Services, based on the review thus far..

7. Today's meeting provides the Panel with an opportunity to discuss the conclusions and recommendations it would like to see in the DRAFT Final Report and the sorts of themes it would like to pursue with the *Positive Strokes* support group and NHS Middlesbrough at the meeting on 22 October 2009, which is expected to be the final meeting of the Panel on this topic.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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