

AGENDA ITEM: 4

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**9 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL GROUP,  
THE WOODLANDS & ACKLAM ROAD SURGERIES**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce a number of representatives, in attendance to discuss the proposed changes to the Cambridge Medical Group, The Woodlands and Acklam Road surgeries.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Panel notes the information gathered at the meeting today and considers the content of its response to the consultation regarding the proposals.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. The Panel will recall that at a previous meeting, on 16 July 2010, the Panel was appraised of a proposal to develop GP services pertaining to the Cambridge Medical Group, The Woodlands & Acklam Road Surgeries. Detailed minutes of that meeting, and the ensuing discussion, are attached elsewhere on the agenda.
4. At that meeting, the Panel decided that before it would prepare and submit a response to the proposals, it wanted to hold a further meeting exploring a number of themes. Specifically, the Panel was interested to hear information about patient flows and particularly the residential areas where most of the proposed facilities' patients would be coming from. The Panel will see that data concerning this point has been supplied at Appendix 1. The Panel also expressed an interest in discussing transport issues that patients would face.
5. As such, the Panel meeting today has been arranged for the Panel to explore additional questions about the proposals. It also provides the Panel with the

opportunity to speak to representatives of the GP Practices, as well as representatives of the developers to hear more about the facilities proposed and to specifically hear about how the proposals represent an improvement to the healthcare services on offer presently.

6. Following today's discussion, it is suggested that Panel considers what position it would like to take on the proposals. Following that, a response will be prepared under instruction from the Panel and submitted to the consultation process.
7. The Panel is reminded that it has a statutory power to consider proposals for health service development/change and it is for the Panel to come to a judgement as to whether proposals should be supported or not, on the basis of the evidence presented. Such developments will often involve the Planning & Development responsibilities of the local authority, although the Panel should be clear that such debates are not within its remit. The Panel's responsibility is to consider the health service proposals and come to a view as to whether they should be supported or not, on the basis of what they contribute to health services for the town.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. Please see Appendix 1 – patient data supplied by NHS Middlesbrough.

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