

AGENDA ITEM: 5

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

6 OCTOBER 2010

END OF LIFE CARE – EVIDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL CARE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from the Department of Social Care, in attendance to provide their perspective on End of Life Care in Middlesbrough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information presented and incorporates the evidence gathered into the overall review into End of Life Care.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. Members will recall that the Panel has received a great deal of evidence relating to End of Life Care (EOLC) in Middlesbrough. For the panel's work into EOLC to be comprehensive, it is important that the views of the Department of Social Care are sought and considered, as an important element of the town's health and social care economy.
4. To that end, senior representatives of the Department of Social Care will be in attendance at the meeting today, to provide a perspective on EOLC in Middlesbrough and answer questions from the Panel.
5. By way of assistance to the Department of Social Care, some initial questions were put to the Department, for consideration ahead of the Panel meeting. Those questions have been clearly addressed in a paper, for the Panel's attention, which is marked as Appendix 1.
6. It is anticipated that the Department of Social Care will initially speak to the attached paper, picking out the salient points, ahead of dealing with questions from the Panel. The Panel is asked to note the evidence collected and to incorporate that into the overall review.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please see Appendix 1 – Paper on End of Life Care from Dept of Social Care.

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