

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

## HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

1 AUGUST 2012

### PRIVATE PATIENT UNITS – EVIDENCE FROM THE SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce senior representation from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, in attendance to provide a briefing for the Panel on Private Patient Units.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information provided by the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
3. That the Panel considers whether it would like to advance its consideration of the topic, or to keep the matter under a watching brief.

#### CONSIDERATION

4. The Panel will recall that it recently expressed a strong interest in considering the concept of Private Patient Units and what it may mean for local NHS hospital services.
5. To that end, senior representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance at the meeting today to speak to a paper, which is marked as Appendix 1.
6. It is anticipated that representatives of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will initially speak to the attached paper, ahead of dealing with questions from the Panel.
7. The Panel is asked to consider, following the consideration of the attached, whether it would like to consider the topic any further or keep the matter under review, and revisit when appropriate.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. Please see attached paper from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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