

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

15 MARCH 2016

HEMLINGTON GP PRACTICE – Update

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present the committee with an outline of the meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. All GP practices hold a contract to deliver primary medical services to local patients in England and Wales. The majority of contracts are open-ended but there are some newer contracts that are time-limited. These are known as Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts. Hemlington currently has an APMS contract.
3. The Health Scrutiny Panel were kept apprised of the situation regarding the Hemlington Practice and the last meeting to discuss this was in November 2014. Following the previous consultation exercise, the Area Team sought to extend the current contract until 6 December 2015, the contract was then extended to 31 March 2016.
4. In line with NHS England policy, the organisation responsible for ensuring that primary care (GP) services are available to local people has reviewed the contract and agreed a continued need for the services. However, as the accountable body for the budget, NHS England is required to tender the services to ensure value for money.
5. NHS England have advertised the practice to other providers to deliver the service as a 'branch' of one of their existing contracts in Middlesbrough for the 1,342 registered patients. NHS England have advised that there will be no changes to the services the new Provider will need to deliver as they are the same core primary medical services all GP practices in the area have to deliver.
6. NHS England have written to patients registered with this practice to reassure them that they will see services continue.

7. As part of the procurement process. NHS England have engaged with patients and local stakeholders so they know what is being planned and that they have the opportunities to ask any questions.

IN ATTENDANCE

8. Denise Jones – Primary Care Commissioning Manager (GP), NHS England Cumbria and the North East will be attendance at the meeting to provide Members with an update on progress to date.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. That the panel notes the information submitted at the meeting today and discusses whether any further information/evidence is needed on this topic.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- a) No background papers were used in this report.

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