

## **Closer to Home: response to Copeland Borough Council**

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**Recommendation: that the Committee consider the response by Cumbria Primary Care Trust to the Council's comments on the Closer to Home proposals.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Committee will recall that it held a special meeting on 17 January 2008 to hear from a number of witnesses to consider evidence on the Cumbria NHS Primary Care Trust 'Closer to Home' proposals.

The recommendations from that Committee were agreed by full council at its meeting on 22 January 2008 and submitted to the Primary Care Trust.

The Primary Care Trust has now had an opportunity to consider all the representations made during the public consultation period on their proposals and has provided a written response to the Council's comments. A copy of this response is at Appendix "A".

At Appendix "B" is the response by the PCT to the recommendations from the County Council's Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee on the Closer to Home proposals.

The Committee is invited to consider the PCT's response and Anthony Gardner, Associate Director – Strategic Development and Partnerships at Cumbria Primary Care Trust has been invited to the meeting to answer the committee's questions on this.

### **List of Appendices**

Appendix "A" – Cumbria Primary Care Trust letter "Closer to Home Consultation: Response to Copeland Borough Council" dated 15 May 2008

Appendix "B" – Response of Cumbria Primary Care Trust to the Recommendations made by the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee of Cumbria County Council

### **List of Background Documents:**

None