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Draft NHS Stockton-on-Tees / Health Select Committee Working Agreement

Summary and Recommendation

The Committee are requested to consider and approve the proposed working agreement, prior to consideration at Executive Scrutiny Committee.

Detail

1. As part of the continuing need to have extensive public, patient and stakeholder engagement in the delivery and design of local health services, the Health Select Committee has established a productive working relationship with Stockton's Primary Care Trust over the previous years.
2. In an attempt to formalise this relationship, it is proposed to adopt a Working Agreement that sets out the principles of co-operation, and the methods of communication to be used. Similar protocols are being developed for the other three local authorities covered by NHS Tees as a whole (Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland).
3. Members have previously been provided with a draft document. This has now been finalised and the proposed final version is attached at **Appendix 1**. Members are asked to consider and approve the content, prior to submission to Executive Scrutiny Committee.

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