



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE
HEALTH OVERVIEW
AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

ON

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2011

AT

7.00PM

AGENDA

**Civic Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
Berkshire**

**Susan Law
Chief Executive**



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THE COUNCIL'S VALUES

In making a difference to other people's lives we are ...

- **ONE Wokingham, ONE Borough – working in partnership**
- **FOCUSED on Customers and Community**
- **BOLD – innovative and flexible**
- **OPEN – integrity, trust and transparency**

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee aims to focus on:

- The promotion of public health and patient care
- The needs and interests of Wokingham Borough
- The performance of local NHS Trusts

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To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A Meeting of the **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on Wednesday 28 September 2011 at **7.00pm**

Susan Law
Chief Executive
20 September 2011

Members:- Tim Holton (Chairman), Charlotte Haitham Taylor (Vice Chairman), Andrew Bradley, Gerald Cockroft, Kay Gilder, Mike Gore, Kate Haines, Emma Hobbs, Philip Houldsworth and Sam Rahmouni

Substitute Members: Phil Challis, Annette Drake, Lee Gordon-Walker and Jenny Lissaman.

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
30.00	None Specific	MINUTES To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 August 2011.	1
31.00	None Specific	APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
32.00		DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
33.00		PUBLIC QUESTION TIME To answer any public questions	

The Council welcomes questions from members of the public about the work of this Committee

Subject to meeting certain timescales, questions can relate to general issues concerned with the work of the Committee or an item which is on the Agenda for this meeting. For full details of the procedure for submitting questions please contact Democratic Services on the numbers listed below or go to www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions

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- 33.01 Bulmershe
 and
 Whitegates Mrs Kathie Smallwood has asked the Chairman for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee the following question.

Question

Since Woodley Centre & Parkside Surgeries have moved into new premises over Lidl there have been numerous problems with build quality, parking but mostly with access for the disabled. This is due to there being only one lift at this end of the building and no suitable spaces on the ground floor for consultations. With all the current problems this building is unfit for purpose. Is there any possibility of these premises being improved in the near future?

- 33.02 None Specific Earley Neighbourhood Action Group has asked the Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee the following question.

Question

By its inaction and public statements West Berkshire PCT is seen to have adopted a policy of tolerating use of 0844 telephone numbers by its contracted GPs. This policy stands clearly outside the terms of the contract revisions added in April 2010, with a deadline for compliance of 31 March 2011.

As the accountable officer, Mr Charles Waddicor, is thereby in breach of his statutory duty (under the Health Act 2009) to have regard to patient rights under the NHS Constitution when framing a charge imposed by the provider.

The Earley NAG believes that the Committee should consider this breach of duty by the PCT in detail. As this applies to all of the Boroughs served by the clustered PCT, now covering all of Berkshire, it should

consider doing so in conjunction with its sister Committees.

The NAG and other concerned citizens will be happy to furnish the Committee with evidence of the policy being followed by the PCT in the form of letters and statements to newspapers. There is also evidence of the effect on the people of Wokingham and other boroughs in the county.

The terms of the contractual requirement are clear and there is evidence of clarifications provided by government ministers. These clarifications counter the position of the BMA GPC which holds and promotes a policy that 0844 numbers should be retained.

Will the Committee use its authority to hold the PCT to account over this matter?

34.00		MEMBER QUESTION TIME To answer any member questions	
35.00	None Specific	INFECTION CONTROL/CLEANING CONTRACTS To receive a report from the Royal Berkshire NHS Trust regarding the processes and practices on both the commissioning and practical side of Infection Control and Cleaning Contracts.	10 15 MINS
36.00	None Specific	BERKSHIRE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION TRUST To receive an update on current and planned developments within the Trust and changes in the Community Services	14 20 MINS
37.00	None Specific	NHS BERKSHIRE WEST PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE UPDATE To receive a performance and financial update from Berkshire West regarding any areas of concern, budget performance at practice levels, and future plans for GP Commissioning Consortia budget management.	10 MINS
38.00	None Specific	GP CONSORTIA To receive an update in relation to the progress being made with regard to the GP Consortia.	10 MINS
39.00	None Specific	PUBLIC HEALTH To receive an update in relation to Public Health as a follow-up from the meeting held in March 2011.	10 MINS
40.00	None Specific	LINK UPDATE To receive an update in relation to the LINK from Christine Holland.	22 10 MINS

41.00	None Specific	HEALTH CONSULTATIONS To consider which current consultations set out in the report that the Committee would like to respond to.	25 5 MINS
42.00	None Specific	WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12 To note the items for the Work Programme for 2011/2012.	31 5 MINS
43.00	None Specific	HOSC DEVELOPMENT To discuss the future development of HOSC.	 20 MINS
44.00		ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT A Supplementary Agenda will be issued by the Chief Executive if there are any other items to consider under this heading	

This is an agenda for a meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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