

TITLE	Health Consultations
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 March 2013
WARD	None Specific
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OUTCOME

That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are informed of the current “live” health consultations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee decides which of the “live” Consultations Members would like to be consulted on and respond to prior to the deadline dates.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This paper provides an overview of “live” consultations in relation to health policy as of 11 March 2013.

Department of Health ‘live’ consultations

Details provided on the “live” consultations have been taken directly from the Department of Health website.

For further information on consultations please refer to the Department of Health website, see link below –

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/index.htm>

1. Consultation on legislation on indemnity insurance

Launch date: 22 February 2013

Closing date: 17 May 2013

The Department is consulting on draft regulations on the requirement for all regulated healthcare professionals to hold an insurance or indemnity arrangement as a condition of their registration with the relevant regulatory body.

Many healthcare professionals are already covered by their employer’s arrangements. In the first instance, it will be for each individual to assure themselves that they are covered by an insurance or indemnity arrangement appropriate to their scope of practice.

Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation can do so as follows:

By Email: hrdlistening@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Or by hard copy to:

Healthcare Professions Indemnity Consultation
2N12 Quarry House
Quarry Hill
LS2 7UE

0113 254 6146

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/indemnity-i/>

2. Direct payments for healthcare consultation

Launch date: 1 March 2013

Closing date: 26 April 2013

This consultation proposes changes to the regulations for direct payments for healthcare. Direct payment, where money is given directly to an individual for the management of their NHS care, is a means of managing a personal health budget. They are currently only lawful within Department of Health approved pilot sites.

The Government's proposes to roll out personal health budgets, extending the use of direct payments so that they can be offered throughout the country. . .

The consultation details proposed changes to the current regulations proposed as a result of findings from the pilot programme and discussions with personal health budget holders, healthcare professionals and other organisations.

Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation can do so as follows:

By Email: personalhealthbudgets@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Or by hard copy using the consultation response form to:

Personal Health Budgets Team
Department of Health
Room 162
Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2NS

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/03/direct-payments-consultation/>

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

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