

TITLE	Health Consultations
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 29 July 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 12 July 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. Migrant access to the NHS

Launch date: 3 July 2013

Closing date: 28 August 2013

The Department of Health is consulting on migrants’ access and financial contribution to the NHS. It asks who, in future, should be charged, for what services and how the system can be better able to identify patients who should be charged.

The consultation includes proposals to:

- make temporary residents from outside of the European Economic Area contribute to their healthcare cost with a levy that then enables them to access NHS services when they require them, or through health insurance or other options
- cease free access to primary care for all visitors and tourists
- more effectively claim back reimbursement from the home countries of patients

- visiting from within European Economic Area
- introduce more practical and easier ways for the NHS to identify whether someone is not eligible for free healthcare.

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

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

Or by hard copy to:

International Healthcare Team
Department of Health
3rd Floor
Wellington House
133-155 Waterloo Road
London SE1 8UG

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/migrants-and-overseas-visitors-use-of-the-nhs>

2. Improving corporate accountability in health and social care

Launch date: 4 July 2013

Closing date: 6 September 2013

The consultation details proposals that all directors of providers registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) must meet a new fit and proper person test. The CQC will be able to insist on the removal of directors that fail this test. Where providers fail in the care that they provide, the CQC will be able to consider the provider's board and individual directors' role in this – with the power to prosecute in the case of serious failure.

By Email: corporate.accountability@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Or by hard copy using the consultation response form to:

Sheila Evans
Quality and regulation
Area 601 Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London SW1A 2NS

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-corporate-accountability-in-health-and-social-care>

3. Refreshing the NHS Mandate

Launch date: 5 July 2013

Closing date: 26 September 2013

The government is consulting on refreshing the Mandate to NHS England for 2014 to 2015 which outlines the government's ambitions for the NHS and the funding available to achieve the kind of care people require and expect. New developments and evidence

have arisen since the publication of the first Mandate.

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

By Email: mandate-team@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Or by hard copy using the consultation response form to:

Mandate Team
Department of Health
Area 229
Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2NS

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/refreshing-the-nhs-mandate>

NHS England 'live' consultations

1. High quality care for all, now and for future generations: Engagement on the Urgent and Emergency Care Review

Launch date: 17 June 2013

Closing date: 11 August 2013

Professor Sir Bruce Keogh announced the Urgent and Emergency Care Review in January 2013. This review would look into the way the NHS responds to and receives emergency patients. The Review has developed an evidence base for change, emerging principles on how a future system might be shaped and objectives which the new system would wish to achieve. This consultation seeks comments on what has been done so far.

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

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/urgent-emerging-care>

Care Quality Commission 'live' consultations

1. A new start: Consultation on changes to the way CQC regulates, inspects and monitors care - June 2013

Launch date: 17 June 2013

Closing date: 12 August 2013

This consultation is the first in a series of consultations which detail how the CQC will make significant changes to the way in which it regulates different health and social care services.

The consultation details how the CQC will regulate and inspect all care services, proposes changes to the way in which it will inspect NHS acute and independent

hospitals and mental health trusts and the fundamentals of care; the standards below which any care provider must not fall.

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

By Email: cqcinspectionchanges@cqc.org.uk

Or by hard copy using the consultation response form to:

CQC Inspection Changes
CQC National Customer Service Centre
Citygate
Gallowgate
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4PA

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/public/sharing-your-experience/consultations/consultation-changes-way-we-inspect-regulate-and-monito>

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

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