

TITLE	Health Consultations
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 September 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 27 August 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. Caring for our future: implementing funding reform

Launch date: 18 July 2013

Closing date: 25 October 2013

The Department of Health is consulting on the practical details of how the changes to the funding system should happen and be organised at a local level.

The Department of Health is seeking people’s views on matters such as:

- how deferred payments should be administered
- how the capped costs system should work
- how people can be helped to make informed choices about their care and support

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

By Email: funding-reform@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Or by hard copy to:

Caring for our future – Implementing funding reform,
Department of Health,
Area 313B, Richmond House,
79 Whitehall,
London SW1A 2NS

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caring-for-our-future-implementing-funding-reform>

NHS England ‘live’ consultations

1. Improving general practice – a call to action

Launch date: 14 August 2013

Closing date: 10 November 2013

NHS England is seeking views to help shape the future of general practice services in England.

NHS England engaged with GPs, CCGs and others. It found that general practice and wider primary care services were facing increasingly unsustainable pressures and that there was a need to transform the way general practice provides services to reflect growing challenges. These include an ageing population, workforce pressures, increasing pressure on financial resources, dissatisfaction with access to services and inequalities in access to and quality of primary care.

Comments will be used to help develop a national strategic framework which CCGs and Area Teams will use to organise primary services locally.

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

https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/improvinggp/consult_view

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

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