

TITLE	Health Consultations
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 25 November 2013
WARD	None Specific
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR	Julie Holland, Interim Head of Business Assurance and Democratic Services

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

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 6 November 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. Ensuring doctors have sufficient English language capability

Launch date: 7 September 2013

Closing date: 2 December 2013

The Department of Health is consulting on proposals to amend the Medical Act 1983 to give the General Medical Council (GMC) more power to take action where concerns arise about a doctor’s English language capability.

The proposals are designed to strengthen and complement existing language controls imposed through the performers’ list regulations, responsible officer regulations and other local checks.

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

http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/language-controls/language-controls-for-doctors/consult_view

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

Or by sending hard copies of the questionnaire to:

Language controls for doctors,
2N09,
Quarry House,
Quarry Hill,
Leeds,
LS2 7UE

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ensuring-doctors-have-sufficient-english-language-capability>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

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