

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Health Consultations</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 24 March 2014
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR</b>	Andrew Moulton, Head of Governance and Improvement 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 March 2014.

**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. Medical innovation: proposals to make clinical negligence law clearer**

**Launch date:** 27 February 2014

**Closing date:** 25 April 2014

The Department of Health is consulting on whether the Medical Innovation Bill should be made law. The main aim of the consultation is to help the Department understand: would the bill help encourage responsible medical innovation, and help prevent irresponsible innovation?

Should the Bill become law, doctors will be able to innovate where there is no body of opinion to support the innovation or where it's not clear whether this exists.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/medical-innovation-proposals-to-make-clinical-negligence-law-clearer>

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

Return response form by Email: [Medicalinnovationbill@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Medicalinnovationbill@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

Or by sending hard copies of the questionnaire to:  
Medical Innovation Consultation Team  
Department of Health  
Richmond House  
79 Whitehall  
London SW1A 2NS

## **2. Ill-treatment or wilful neglect in health and social care**

**Launch date:** 27 February 2014

**Closing date:** 31 March 2014

The government accepted the recommendation of the National Advisory Group on the Safety of Patients in England to develop a new criminal offence of ill-treatment or wilful neglect as part of its response to the Francis Report.

The consultation details the recommendation and the government's current position. It also details proposals for the development of a clear and specific criminal offence of ill-treatment or wilful neglect of patients and service users.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ill-treatment-or-wilful-neglect-in-health-and-social-care>

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

Return online [http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/quality-regulation/wilfulneglect/consult\\_view](http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/quality-regulation/wilfulneglect/consult_view)

Or write to:  
Ill-treatment or Wilful Neglect Consultation  
c/o Mia Snook  
Room 2E11 Quarry House  
Quarry Hill  
Leeds  
West Yorkshire  
LS2 7UE

**NHS England:**

## **3. Consultation on changes to specialised services specification**

**Launch date:** 26 February 2014

**Closing date:** 21 May 2014

NHS England is consulting on proposed changes to specifications for 14 specialised services including Gestational Trophoblastic disease (Choriocarcinoma – all ages) and Haemodialysis to treat established renal failure performed in a patient's home.

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/8be1c4ce>

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

Online form: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/8be1c4ce>

#### **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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