

TITLE	Health Consultations
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 10 September 2014
WARD	None Specific
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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 26 August 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. Care Act 2014: funding allocations for new adult social care duties

Launch date: 31 July 2014

Closing date: 9 October 2014

Local authorities will be granted new duties as part of Care Act 2014. The Department of Health is seeking views on how the funding for 3 of these new duties will be allocated.

The 3 duties and funding available in financial year 2015 to 2016 is as follows:

- additional assessments for the cap on care costs: £175 million
- universal deferred payment agreements: £108.5 million
- social care in prisons: £11.2 million

The funding for the first 2 duties will be paid to local authorities as a Department for Communities and Local Government revenue grant and the funding for social care in

prisons will be paid as a Department of Health revenue grant.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/care-act-2014-funding-allocations-for-new-adult-social-care-duties>

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

Return response form by Email: scalocations@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Alternatively you can respond online at: <http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/social-care-funding-1/allocations-for-2015-16/>

2. NHS outcomes framework review

Launch date: 6 August 2014

Closing date: 12 September 2014

The NHS outcome framework measures performance in the health and care system and presents a national-level narrative on how the NHS in England is working.

The Department of Health is seeking views on its current proposals and its long term planning for the NHS outcomes framework. Specific questions are asked on 4 main areas of the framework:

- Mental health
- Children and young people
- Health inequalities
- Patient experience/safety

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nhs-outcomes-framework-review>

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

Email to: nhsoutcomesframework@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Write to:
NHS Group
Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London SW1A 2NS

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	N/A	N/A	N/A

Year (Year 1)			
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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