

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Health Consultation</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 January 2015
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>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 a current "live" health consultation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee decides if Members would like to respond to the consultation prior to the deadline date.

**SUMMARY OF REPORT**

This paper provides an overview of "live" consultations in relation to health policy as of 6 January 2015.

**'Live' consultations**

Details provided on the "live" health related consultations.

**1. Consultation on how we regulate dental, ambulance and independent acute healthcare services**

**Launch date:** 28 November 2014

**Closing date:** 23 January 2015

The Care Quality Commission is consulting on how it regulates dental, ambulance and independent acute healthcare services.

The CQC's detailed plans are set out in three consultation documents for:

- NHS and independent ambulances
- Primary care dental services
- Independent acute healthcare

The main changes are:

- introducing new ways to inspect services, with Chief Inspectors and more specialist teams that include members of the public
- using a new system of intelligent monitoring to help the CQC decide when, where and what to inspect.
- listening to people's experiences of care and using the best information across

- the CQC's monitoring system.
- judgments based around the five key questions asked of all services:
  - Are they safe?
  - Are they effective?
  - Are they caring?
  - Are they responsive to people's needs?
  - Are they well-led?
- Ratings based around the five key questions for ambulance and independent acute healthcare services.
- Plans currently propose that we won't rate primary care dental services but we are interested in your thoughts about rating them in the future.

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

Respond online at:

<https://webdataforms.cqc.org.uk/Checkbox/InspectionConsultation.aspx>

Alternatively you can write to:

CQC Consultation: How we regulate, inspect and rate services  
 CQC National Customer Service Centre  
 Citygate  
 Gallowgate  
 Newcastle upon Tyne  
 NE1 4PA

## 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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