

Report of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

July 2016

The Committee met on 1 June 2016. The agenda included the following:

- *Update on Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust* – The Committee was updated on the performance of the Trust and the outcome of the Trust wide Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection. The Trust had been rated ‘Good’ overall.
- *Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme* – The Committee discussed its work programme for the municipal year ahead. The work programme is an evolving document and items may be added or removed.

The Committee will next meet on 11 July 2016. Agenda items will include:

- *Care homes* – The Committee requested an update on care homes and in particular provision and demand of residential and nursing care within the Borough. Members also sought assurance regarding quality of provision of services within Wokingham Borough.
- *Update on the closure of the Independent Living Fund* – Members requested a further update on the closure of the Independent Living Fund in order to determine the possible impact this may have on residents and the Council.
- *Support for carers* – Healthwatch Wokingham Borough had proposed that the Committee be updated on support for carers in light of Healthwatch Wokingham Borough’s report which suggested that some carers were not aware of the services available to them and the Care Act.
- *Healthwatch Wokingham Borough Annual Report 2015-16* – The Committee will consider Healthwatch Wokingham Borough’s Annual Report 2015-16.

The final report of the Better Care Fund Task and Finish Group has been sent to the responsible persons for comment.

Councillor Ken Miall, Chairman of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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