

TITLE	Health Consultation
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8 September 2016
WARD	None Specific
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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 23 August 2016.

‘Live’ consultation

Details provided on the “live” health related consultation.

1. Expanding CQC ratings to include independent healthcare providers

Launch date: 22 August 2016

Closing date: 14 October 2016

Under the Care Act 2014 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) is required to carry out performance assessments of providers of adult social care and health services. These performance assessments are provided in the form of a rating.

When ratings were originally introduced they were limited to NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts, GP practices, adult social care providers and independent hospitals.

The government is proposing that the CQC to develop ratings for other sectors that they regulate including:

- cosmetic surgery providers
- independent community health service providers
- independent ambulance services
- independent dialysis units
- refractive eye surgery providers
- substance misuse centres
- termination of pregnancy services

Respond online at:

<https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/cqc-sponsorship/scope-of-performance-assessments-of-providers-regu>

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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