

TITLE	Health Consultation
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 June 2017
WARD	None Specific
DIRECTOR	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 23 May 2017.

‘Live’ consultation

Details provided on the “live” health related consultation.

1. Availability of gluten-free foods on NHS prescription

Launch date: 31 March 2017

Closing date: 22 June 2017

The consultation seeks views on proposals on whether to make changes to the availability of gluten-free foods that are prescribed on the NHS.

Respond online at:

<https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/homeopathic/prescribing-gluten-free-foods/>

Email to:

GFprescribing@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Write to:

Prescribing Policy and Legislation Team

Department of Health

Room 2E14

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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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