

TITLE	Health Consultation
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 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 4 January 2016.

‘Live’ consultation

Details provided on the “live” health related consultation.

1. Overseas visitors and migrants: extending charges for NHS services

Launch date: 7 December 2015

Closing date: 7 March 2016

Overseas visitors and migrants, or in some cases their home countries, are already charged in various ways for the cost of healthcare they receive in NHS hospitals.

The consultation seeks views on proposals to further extend this charge, including exploring changes in:

- primary care
- secondary care
- community healthcare
- current residency requirements

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

Respond online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/overseas-visitors-and-migrants-extending-charges-for-nhs-services>

Alternatively you can write to:

nhscostrecovery@dh.gsi.gov.uk or

Cost Recovery Programme
Department of Health
506 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 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

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

N/A

Cross-Council Implications

N/A

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

N/A

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