

Title of Report:	Update on NHS Continuing Health Care Implementation in West Berkshire
Report to be considered by:	Health Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting:	27 March 2012

Purpose of Report: To update the Health Scrutiny Panel on the progress of the NHS Continuing Healthcare programme.

Recommended Action: To consider the information supplied by Jan Evans (Head of Service, Adult Social Care, West Berkshire Council) and agree the next steps for the Review process.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Members were concerned that Berkshire receives some of the lowest levels of Continuing Healthcare funding when compared to other Primary Care Trusts nationally.
- 1.2 Since the last Health Scrutiny Panel, the Council has continued in its robust approach with the PCT with regard its interpretation and implementation of the NHS Continuing Healthcare Framework.
- 1.3 Janet Golder conducted a review of existing CHC delivery and this has resulted in an agreement to an independent review to be conducted April/May 2012 commissioned by the SCHA.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members consider the information supplied by Jan Evans (Head of Service Adult Social Care) at the Panel meeting on 27 March 2012 and agree the next steps for the Review process.

Appendices

Appendix A – NHS Continuing Healthcare Update Briefing