

Title of Report:	Continuing Health care in West Berkshire
Report to be considered by:	Health Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting:	4 December 2012

Purpose of Report: To introduce the findings of the Independent review of Continuing Health care in West Berkshire in order to allow members to conduct scrutiny.

Recommended Action: To note the report.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Members were concerned that patients in Berkshire receive some of the lowest levels of Continuing Healthcare funding when compared to other Primary Care Trusts nationally.
- 1.2 The Health Scrutiny Panel investigated this issue at its meeting on 17th January 2012 and invited Charles Waddicor (Chief Executive, NHS Berkshire) to attend and present the Primary Care Trust perspective.
- 1.3 Since the meeting in January, the South Central Health Authority conducted an Independent Review of Continuing Healthcare in West Berkshire. This report is attached at Appendix A & B.
- 1.4 Both Jan Evans (Head of Adult Social Care) and Marion Andrew – Evans (Interim Director of Nursing in NHS Berkshire) are invited to review the recommendations and discuss the method by which they will be taken forward.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the Independent Review findings and recommendations, assessing the extent to which the NHS CHC framework and the allocation of funding to those with the most complex residents' needs is being applied, considering any further action as appropriate.

Appendices

Appendix A - CHC Independent Review
Appendix B - Action Plan

Consultees

Local Stakeholders:

Officers Consulted: Scrutiny and Partnerships Manager

Trade Union: N/A