

Title of Report:	Continuing Health Care (CHC)
Report to be considered by:	Health Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting:	10 December 2013

Purpose of Report: To consider the completed work and the outstanding items on the work programme.

Recommended Action: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commissions scrutinises the actions being taken in delivery of the Continuing Healthcare Action Plan.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In June 2012 an independent review took place on behalf of the Strategic Health Authority (SHA), into the processes and practices on the delivery of Continuing Healthcare Commissioning in Berkshire.
- 1.2 The final report identified 5 key areas for urgent action and in addition had 54 recommendations which would improve the continuing healthcare working arrangements both in the NHS and Social Services.
- 1.3 Following receipt of the report the Primary Health Trust (PCT) and West Berkshire Council Social Services worked together to prepare a joint Action Plan, which was subsequently agreed by all the unitary authorities in Berkshire for implementation.
- 1.4 The report highlighted the progress with on the implementation of the Action Plan and on each of the recommendations.

2. Scrutiny involvement

- 2.1 At the Health and Scrutiny Panel (HSP) meeting of 19 March 2013, Members examined the Action Plan and the progress being made against it. Given the ongoing nature of the plan, the Panel resolved to receive a further update in six months time.
- 2.2 **Action since March 2013**
- 2.3 Since the March HSP meeting, the PCT has been disbanded and a number of its responsibilities have transferred to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), amongst which is some responsibility for delivery on the Action Plan.
- 2.4 The Health Scrutiny Panel has also been disbanded and its work considered for incorporation into the programme for the OSMC. The Commission agreed at its meeting of 21 May that the update review of the Action Plan should be considered at a future meeting.

3. Consideration of the Action Plan

- 3.1 In order to ensure that the actions contained within the Plan have been delivered or are on track to be delivered, a number of people have been invited to update the Commission. They are
 - Gabrielle Alford, Wokingham CCG
 - Sarah Bellars, Director of Nursing, Berkshire East CCG
 - Sam Ward (NHS England)
 - Councillor Joe Mooney, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
 - Jan Evans, Head of Adult Social Care, West Berkshire Council

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commissions scrutinises the actions being taken in delivery of the Continuing Healthcare Action Plan.

Appendices

Appendix A - Continuing Healthcare Action Plan