

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Underwood Road GP Branch Surgery consultation</b>	<b>Item 3</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Healthier Select Committee	
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	9 September 2010	

**Purpose of Report:** To receive a briefing from the NHS Berkshire West on the reasons behind the proposal to close the Underwood Road GP Branch Surgery.

**Recommended Action:** To make a recommendation to the NHS Berkshire West on the proposal to alter services and close the Underwood Road GP Branch Surgery.

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The NHS Berkshire West is consulting the Healthier Select Committee on its proposals to remove the GP branch surgery operating from Underwood Road.
- 1.2 The NHS Berkshire West has commenced a 12-week consultation with the public on this change to existing services. This closes on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- 1.3 The details regarding the Underwood Road branch surgery and the reasons for recommending closure are shown at Appendix A.
- 1.4 Members are asked to provide their comments on this proposal and make a recommendation to the NHS Berkshire West.
- 1.5 Managers from the NHS will be attending the Special Healthier Select Committee meeting to introduce the issues and give a further explanation in relation to:
  - Use of branch surgery when the GP clinic is not in operation
  - The ability of neighbouring surgeries to absorb additional patients
  - Detail on actual travel distances to the alternative GP surgeries
  - The Primary Care Trust's view on whether this is a substantial change to services

## 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members are asked to examine the issue and make a recommendation to the NHS Berkshire West.

## Appendices

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Appendix A – NHS Berkshire West, Underwood Road Branch Surgery Consultation document.