

# DRAFT DOCUMENT

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Care for the Future: A developing vision of healthcare for Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Healthier Select Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 October 2010
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**Purpose of Report:**

To receive a briefing from Beverley Searle (Director of Partnerships and Joint Commissioning – NHS Berkshire West) on the future impact of the Care for the Future proposals in West Berkshire.

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**Recommended Action:**

To consider the briefing and consider what future action is required.

**Reason for decision to be taken:**

To consider what impact the service reconfigurations will have on West Berkshire residents.

**Other options considered:****Key background documentation:**

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## Executive Summary

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Over the past year, NHS organisations in Buckinghamshire and Berkshire have been working together to develop a shared vision of how high quality healthcare can be provided to our population in future. I enclose a report we have published recently which sets out our vision and invites you to respond. The closing date for views and comments is 31 October and you will find details of how you can respond on the back of the document.

### 2. Proposals

- 2.1 A growing and ageing population, increasing demand for health services, and the opportunities of new medical advances mean that the NHS throughout the country has to think differently if it is to continue improving services and meeting the needs of local people within the funding available. In Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, we believe that we can create modern and high quality health services closer to patients' homes, meaning that fewer people will need to spend time in hospital. As part of the project, hospitals in the two counties are also working together to ensure that local people have fair access to high quality hospital treatment when they need it.
- 2.2 The emerging plans, which have been developed with input from clinicians including GPs and hospital consultants, focus on ensuring that everyone in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire gets the very best care no matter where they live or which services they use.
- 2.3 Copies of the attached vision document are being distributed widely across the NHS Berkshire West patch to all key stakeholders and local groups. The PCT held a very successful Health Network event in Newbury on 15<sup>th</sup> September where Care for the Future was discussed. Further events are planned for the coming months.

### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To consider the briefing and consider what future action is required.

## Appendices

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Appendix A – Care for the Future: A developing vision of healthcare for Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.