

Title of Report:	The changing NHS policy landscape	Item 4
Report to be considered by:	Healthier Select Committee	
Date of Meeting:	20 January 2011	

Purpose of Report: To brief Members on the significant policy changes that will shape future health and social care delivery.

Recommended Action: To note the briefing and consider what future action might be required.

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Supporting Information

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Significant change is taking place within the NHS and social care services following the white paper “Equity and excellence: liberating the NHS” which was published during 2010.
- 1.2 The paper attached at Appendix A outlines the most significant changes and how these will shape the future of health and social care services. This paper will be presented by Beverley Searle (Director for Partnerships and Joint Commissioning, NHS Berkshire West).
- 1.3 The proposals for change include changing powers and responsibilities for GPs and therefore the GP Commissioning Lead for this area – Barbara Barrie (GP Partner, Thatcham Medical Practice) has also been invited to this meeting to help explain the changes.
- 1.3 Two fact sheets (Appendix B and C) are also attached to assist Members in their understanding of the new developments.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the briefing and consider what future action may be required.

Appendices

Appendix A – NHS Policy Landscape briefing

Appendix B – Factsheet: Local Democratic Legitimacy

Appendix C – Factsheet: Commissioning for Patients