

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Health Scrutiny Panel Work Programme</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	OSMC
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	22 November 2011

**Purpose of Report:** To provide an update on the work of the Health Scrutiny Panel

**Recommended Action:** To consider the current items and discuss any future areas for scrutiny.

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel met for the last time on 4 October 2011 and the draft minutes are attached at Appendix A. A summary of the main discussions held were as follows:

1.2 **Ambulance Service Quality Indicators** - The Panel considered a report regarding changes to the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) performance reporting targets. Duncan Burke (Director of Communications & Public Engagement, SCAS) described how the Department of Health (DoH) targets had dramatically changed in April 2011. The new system involved greater measures around clinical care and patient experience with performance reports published on the SCAS website every month.

**RESOLVED that** the update on the new performance reporting targets were noted and the South Central Ambulance Service were thanked for their presentation to the Panel.

1.3 **Commissioning of General Practitioner Services** – The Panel considered a presentation by Janet Fitzgerald (Transition Director for the Clinical Commissioning Groups) and described the proposed configuration of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across Berkshire.

**Resolved that:**

1. The Panel supported the proposed configurations for Clinical Commissioning Groups and the inclusion of the Theale, Mortimer and Pangbourne Surgeries within the North and West Reading Clinical Commissioning Group.
2. The slides of the presentation were to be circulated to all Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

1.4 **Care Quality Commission "Dignity, Respect and Nutrition" Reviews** – The Panel considered a verbal report from Jan Evans (Head of Adult Social Care) and Tony Lloyd (Chairman of the West Berkshire Local Involvement Network (LINK)) regarding the scrutiny review of dignity, respect and nutrition in local hospitals.

**RESOLVED that** to note the update.

1.5 **Update on the "Six Lives" Review: The provision of public services to those with Learning Disabilities** - The Panel considered a report which reviewed the Council's learning disability services following the publication of the "Six Lives" report. Mrs Alison Love (Service Manager for Long Term Care) described how the "Six Lives" national review investigated the deaths of six people with learning disabilities, between 2003 and 2005, which were under NHS or local authority care. Significant failures were identified particularly organisations lacking understanding of the law in relation to disability discrimination and human rights. In addition poor appreciation of clients' needs and an inability to communicate adequately with those with learning disabilities. Organisations had also been criticised for the way complaints were handled and some degree of institutional failure had been identified in all six deaths.

**RESOLVED that** the Council's response to the recommendations of the "Six Lives" review was noted

1.6 **Health and Wellbeing Board Update** - Members gave consideration to the Health and Wellbeing Board Update report. Mrs Jan Evans (Head of Adult Social Care)

drew Members attention to the report and described how pilot arrangements for the Board were being established. It was described how the Board would be operating in shadow form by April 2012 and would assume full functionality by April 2013. At the moment just a task group was formed and had met in August to consolidate the Terms of Reference for the future Board. She described the WebEx learning set and the engagement of the Local Involvement Network (LINK) in the new arrangements. Members noted the progress so far and wished to see a further update in nine to twelve months time.

**RESOLVED that** the update report be noted and that a further update is received in nine to twelve months time.

## **Appendices**

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Appendix A – Health Scrutiny Panel Draft minutes 04/10/2011

## **Consultees**

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### **Local Stakeholders:**

**Officers Consulted:** Head of Finance, Scrutiny and Partnerships Manager

**Trade Union:** N/A

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