

Reference from Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Health and Wellbeing Board

7 May 2014

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To consider references and recommendations arising from the meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) held on 2 April 2014, with particular regard to providing information, choices and alternatives to prescription medicine.
- 1.2 An excerpt from the draft Minutes of the meeting concerning this item are attached at Appendix 1. They contain the comments and recommendation that the Board is being asked to consider. The associated report is attached at Appendix 2.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider and note the report, comments and recommendation arising from the meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 April 2014.
- 2.2 Promote the access to information on alternative and complementary medicine with the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 2 April 2014 considered a report on providing information, choices and alternatives to prescription medicine, presented by Councillors Wayne Crabbe, Julie Wright and Bob Wright (Minute Item 55 refers).
- 3.2 The report was the result of a working group of members being set up and tasked to explore alternative and complementary medicine (agreed at the HOSC meeting held on 5 June 2013).
- 3.3 The purpose of the report was to provide HOSC with an opportunity to discuss the possible side effects of prescribed drugs and explore how alternative and complementary medicine could help some patients. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.4 The issues and comments that arose during discussion of this item at the HOSC meeting on 2 April 2014 are included in the excerpt of the draft Minutes attached at Appendix 1. The Board is being asked to consider and note these, along with

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promoting access to information on alternative and complementary medicine with the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 No alternative options are proposed. The Board could decide not to support the recommendation from HOSC.

5. Implications

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 As set out in the HOSC report attached at Appendix 2.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 As set out in the HOSC report attached at Appendix 2.

All other Implications

- 5.3 As set out in the HOSC report attached at Appendix 2.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director Finance, Revenues, Benefits and Property (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Excerpt from the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 April 2014 (Minute Item 55).
- 8.2 Appendix 2 – Report considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 April 2014 concerning providing information, choices and alternatives to prescription medicine.