

**NHS CONSULTATION: THE FUTURE OF PRIMARY CARE OUT-OF-HOURS
SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE
(Report by the Head of Democratic & Central Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As the Panel's remit includes health matters, the purpose of this report is to provide Members with an opportunity to consider consultation currently being undertaken by NHS Cambridgeshire on the future of primary care Out-of-Hours services for residents in Cambridgeshire.

2. THE FUTURE OF PRIMARY CARE OUT-OF-HOURS SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

- 2.1 NHS Cambridgeshire will be tendering for Out-of-Hours GP services for Cambridgeshire residents, with the new contract(s) taking effect from April 2010. The purpose of the consultation is to identify how well the service operates currently and how it could be improved, with a view to informing the service specification for the new contract(s). A copy of the full consultation document is appended hereto as an Appendix. The consultation period runs from 28th September to 21st December 2009.
- 2.2 A Huntingdon Consultation Event hosted by NHS Cambridgeshire was organised for 30th November 2009 at St Mary's Parish Hall, Huntingdon from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Details of the event were circulated to all Members of the Panel.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Panel is

RECOMMENDED

to consider a response to NHS Cambridgeshire's consultation on the future of primary care Out-of-Hours services for residents in Cambridgeshire.

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