

**24 July 2018****Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****GLUTEN FREE PRESCRIBING AND OTHER PRESCRIBING RESTRICTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide information about the consultation on gluten free food and over the counter medicines on prescription.

**Information**

2. Members will see from the attached briefing that commissioners are currently (14 June to 26 July) consulting on restricting or stopping gluten free food on prescription. The committee will wish to satisfy itself that appropriate engagement and consultation has taken place.
3. In addition, in January 2017 commissioners carried out a six week consultation on the prescribing of over the counter medicines. Further to this, the prescribing of over the counter medicines for minor ailments was restricted. It is estimated that the resulting savings on self-care medicines were £93,114.
4. Senior representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group will attend Health Scrutiny Committee to brief the committee and answer questions as necessary. In addition, a written briefing from the commissioners is attached as an appendix to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and comments on the information provided.
- 2) Schedule further consideration, as necessary

**Councillor Keith Girling**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All