

## **Local Authority Health Scrutiny Consultation Questions**

- Q1. Do you consider that it would be helpful for regulations to place a requirement on the NHS and local authorities to publish clear timescales? Please give reasons
- Q2. Would you welcome indicative timescales being provided in guidance? What would be the likely benefits and disadvantages of this?
- Q3. Do you consider it appropriate that financial considerations should form part of local authority referrals? Please give reasons for your view.
- Q4. Given the new system landscape and the proposed role of the NHS Commissioning Board, do you consider it helpful that there should be a first referral stage to the NHS Commissioning Board?
- Q5. Would there be any additional benefits and drawbacks of establishing this intermediate referral?
- Q6. In what other ways might the referral process be made to more accurately reflect the autonomy in the new commissioning system and emphasise the local resolution of disputes?
- Q7. Do you consider it would be helpful for referrals to have to be made by the full council? Please give reasons for your view.
- Q8. Do you agree that the formation of joint overview and scrutiny arrangements should be incorporated into regulations for substantial service developments or variations where more than one local authority is consulted? If not, why not?
- Q9. Are there additional equalities issues with these proposals that we have not identified? Will any groups be at a disadvantage?
- Q10. For each of the proposals, can you provide any additional reasons that support the proposed approach or reasons that support the current position? Have you suggestions for an alternative approach, with reasons?
- Q11. What other issues relevant to the proposals we have set out should we be considering as part of this consultation? Is there anything that should be included that isn't?