

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview & Scrutiny Committee **DATE:** 4th March 2014

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

CO-OPTION TO THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks approval to the co-option of a Member to the Health Scrutiny Panel.

2 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is requested to RESOLVE that a member from the relevant Buckinghamshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee (known as the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee) be co-opted to the Health Scrutiny Panel for the consideration of matters relating to Wexham Park Hospital.

3 Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

3.1 There are no implications for the Wellbeing Strategy priorities as this report is administrative in nature.

4. Legal, Human Rights and Other Implications

4.1 There are no legal, human rights or other implications arising from this report.

5. Supporting Information

5.1 Wexham Park Hospital provides healthcare to a population of approximately 450,000, covering Slough and a number of other authority's areas. A substantial proportion of that catchment fall within southern Buckinghamshire, which means Buckinghamshire County Council have a role to play in scrutinising services provided by the Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

5.2 Buckinghamshire's Health Scrutiny role is exercised by its Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, which focuses on the scrutiny of NHS services in place mainly or wholly across the County. Buckinghamshire has requested that in the spirit of joint working, and to allow it an input into scrutiny of Wexham Park, a co-option to the Health Scrutiny Panel be made, which the Chair of the Panel recommends should be approved. It is proposed, therefore, that a member of the Buckinghamshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee be co-opted onto the Health Scrutiny Panel (as a non-voting co-opted member) to attend when relevant matters are under consideration.

6. Background Papers

None