

SCRUTINY BOARD (ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, NHS)

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor P Gruen in the Chair

Councillors C Anderson, B Flynn,
R Grahame, A Hussain, G Hussain, S Lay,
C Macniven, B Selby and S Varley

Co-opted Member: Dr J Beal (HealthWatch Leeds)

151 Late Items

The following late information was submitted to the Board:

- Agenda item 9 – Draft scrutiny inquiry report into bereavement
- Agenda item 10 – Draft scrutiny inquiry report into cancer wait times in Leeds.

The above information was not available at the time of agenda despatch, but was subsequently made available on the Council's website.

152 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared to the meeting, however the following matters were brought to the attention of the Scrutiny Board:

- Councillor B Selby advised that one family member was employed within the local NHS and another family member was employed within the General Register Office.
- Councillor R Grahame advised that a patient was known to him at Whinmoor Surgery and his wife was Ward Member representing Cross Gates and Whinmoor.

Councillor R Grahame and Councillor B Selby both remained present for the duration of the meeting.

153 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors A Smart and E Taylor and Co-opted Member, Mr R Taylor. Notification had been received that Councillor R Grahame was substituting for Councillor E Taylor.

154 Minutes - 19 April and 29 April 2016

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2016 be approved as a correct record.
- (b) That subject to inclusion of an additional bullet point under minute no.149, as follows
 - The Localism Act 2011, particularly in relation to concerns about local consultation and decision making. A response regarding this was sought from the Director of Adult Social Services.

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2016 be approved as a correct record.

155 Matters arising from the minutes - 19 April 2016

Minute no. 39 – Chair’s Update

The Board briefly discussed the importance of NHS bodies fulfilling their duties by ensuring that local communities were appropriately involved and consulted on proposed services changes, particularly in relation to proposed closures to GP practices.

156 Minutes of Health and Wellbeing Board - 21 April 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 21 April 2016 be noted.

157 Minutes of Executive Board - 20 April 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 20 April 2016 be noted.

158 Matters arising from Executive Board - 20 April 2016

Minute no. 166 – A Business Case for a Leeds Academic Health Partnership

The Board identified the need for more detailed information and clarification regarding the role and desired outcomes from the Leeds Academic Health Partnership at a future meeting in the new municipal year.

159 Scrutiny Inquiry into Bereavement

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which presented the Board’s draft report following its recent inquiry into bereavement.

In accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules, the draft report was published and presented alongside the advice received from the Director of Public Health.

The following were in attendance:

- Fiona Day (Consultant in Public Health Medicine) – Office of the Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council.

The Board considered and discussed the advice received from the Director of Public Health and proposed amendments to the draft recommendations.

The key areas of discussion were:

- Cost implications associated with burial arrangements and whether there was scope for Leeds Credit Union to develop payment plans.
- The need to ensure that all faith groups were included as part of future discussions.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the amendments discussed and agreed at the meeting, the Board's draft scrutiny inquiry report and recommendations into bereavement, be approved.

160 Scrutiny Inquiry into Cancer Wait Times in Leeds

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which presented the Board's draft report following its recent inquiry into cancer wait times in Leeds.

The following were in attendance:

- Fiona Day (Consultant in Public Health Medicine) – Office of the Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council.

The Board was advised that its focus on the prevention and early diagnosis of cancer was welcomed and its draft report was a helpful contribution for members of the Leeds Cancer Strategy Group.

As a representative of HealthWatch Leeds, Dr Beal particularly welcomed the patient focus and wider public involvement aspects of the draft report and recommendations.

The Board considered and discussed the advice received from the Director of Public Health and proposed amendments to the draft recommendations.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the amendments discussed and agreed at the meeting, the Board's draft scrutiny inquiry report and recommendations into cancer waiting times in Leeds, be approved.

161 Work Schedule - recommendations for 2016/17

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which presented an opportunity to consider progress of the Board's work schedule for 2015/16 and make recommendations for the successor Board's work schedule for 2016/17.

The Board discussed a range of matters and potential matters for inclusion on the 2016/17 work schedule, including:

- Air quality;
- Delayed discharges;
- Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) updates – particularly in relation to the new role as commissioners of primary care services;
- Care Quality Commissioning (CQC) inspection outcomes;
- Potential for more focussed work on budgets;
- A broader use of working groups;
- Submission of a request for scrutiny to be considered at the first Board meeting of new municipal year, 2016/17;
- Exploring opportunities for joint scrutiny work;
- Potential involvement of cluster chairs to discuss Child Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Targeted Mental Health Services (TaMHS), budget issues and the impact on service delivery;
- Capacity and the available resource for delivery of the Board's work schedule.

RESOLVED – That the following areas of work be considered by the successor Scrutiny Board in the new municipal year, 2016/17;

- Air quality;
- Delayed discharges;
- Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) updates – particularly in relation to the new role as commissioners of primary care services;
- Care Quality Commissioning (CQC) inspection outcomes;
- More focussed work on budgets; and
- The financial landscape and budgetary issues likely to impact on the delivery of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Targeted Mental Health Services (TaMHS).

In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked Board Members for all their efforts and contributions throughout the year. Board Members reciprocated by thanking the Chair for all his efforts and leadership of the Board.

(The meeting concluded at 11.15am)