

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 28 November 2013**

**Subject: Work Schedule – November 2013**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the remainder of the municipal year, 2013/14.

**2 Main issues**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 21 June 2013, a number of potential topics/ work programme areas were highlighted and discussed as potential matters for the work programme. At that meeting the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) identified the following themes to form the broad direction of the its work programme for 2013/14:
- Narrowing the Gap;
  - Service quality;
  - Urgent and emergency care;
  - Progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status;
  - Information flows/ data sharing
- 2.2 At its meeting on 31 July 2013, the Scrutiny Board was presented with and discussed matters relating to:
- Progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status;
  - Urgent and emergency care;
- 2.3 At that meeting, the Scrutiny Board also considered and agreed to undertake further work around the following requests for scrutiny:

- Men's health;
- Dermatology; and,
- Children's Epilepsy Surgery.

- 2.4 At its meetings on 25 September 2013, the Scrutiny Board considered details relating to NHS England's (draft) NHS Funding Allocations Policy and Leeds' Better Lives Programme – specifically related to the future provision of residential care and day services for older people.
- 2.5 Work undertaken to translate the above areas into a planned and more detailed work schedule is presented at Appendix 1. Further refinement is likely to be necessary as the work programme develops – specifically taking into account comments from the Scrutiny Board.
- 2.6 It should be noted that given the range of issues being considered by the Scrutiny Board, it will be necessary to hold a number of working groups looking at specific issues/ matters.

### **Narrowing the Gap**

- 2.7 As reported above, at its meeting on 21 June 2013 the Scrutiny Board identified 'Narrowing the Gap' as a specific theme for its 2013/14 work programme. The draft work schedule (attached at Appendix 1) identifies three potential meeting dates (February, March and April 2014) to consider matters associated with this particular theme. As agreed at the Scrutiny Board meeting in October 2013, it is intended to incorporate any specific matters/ issues associated with 'men's health' relevant to the matters under consideration at these meetings.
- 2.8 However, as yet, the precise focus of the 'narrowing the gap' discussions is yet to be agreed/ defined. One suggestion could be to identify no more than 3 priority areas from the JHWS (attached at Appendix 2) and consider specific progress in relation to one area per session: Alternatively, the Scrutiny Board consider different elements of a single priority area over three sessions.
- 2.9 It is also worth noting that an independent peer review around the Council's approach to reducing the impact of smoking across the City is likely to take place in early 2014. Subject to the timing of the peer review and any associated report, the Scrutiny Board might consider using one of the meeting sessions to review progress against the tobacco action plan, the previous Scrutiny Board recommendations (detailed in its report, May 2012) and the outcome of the scheduled peer review.
- 2.10 The Scrutiny Board is specifically asked to consider this in more detail and agree the focus of its work in relation to 'narrowing the gap'.

### **Health Service Developments Working Group**

- 2.11 As previously report, the Health Service Developments Working Group met on 6 September 2013, where consideration was given to a number of matters, including:
- Inpatient maternity and neonatal services reconfiguration review – update
  - Individual Funding Requests (IFR)

- 2.12 Notes of the meeting are being finalised and will be presented to a future meeting.
- 2.13 It should also be noted that revised terms of reference for the working group need to be completed and reported to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board, along with confirmation of future meeting dates for the remainder of the municipal year.

### **Dermatology Working Group**

- 2.14 At its meeting on 31 July 2013, the Scrutiny Board agreed to undertake further work associated with a request for scrutiny from the Leeds Dermatology Patient's Panel.
- 2.15 A working group meeting is scheduled for 20 November 2013 to discuss proposed changes to the middle-grade medical rotas at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) with members of the LDPP and Trust representatives. A report on the outcome of that meeting will be presented to a future Board meeting and a verbal update will be provided on 28 November 2013 if required.

### **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider and comment on the details in this report and;
  - 3.1.1 Identify and agree the focus of its work in relation to 'narrowing the gap'
  - 3.1.2 Agree or amend the draft work schedule presented at Appendix 2.

### **4. Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

- 4.1 None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.