

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

**Report to the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 18 December 2013**

**Subject: Care Quality Commission (CQC) hospital inspection programme: Request for information**

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: 10.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. As part of its new hospital inspection programme, on 24 October 2013, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) announced details of a second phase of hospital inspections – due to commence in January 2014. Details associated with the hospital inspections programme and the use of the CQC intelligent monitoring tool were discussed at the Scrutiny Board’s previous meeting held on 30 October 2013.
2. 19 NHS trusts have been identified as part of the second wave of inspections – including Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – and will be inspected using larger, expert teams that include professional and clinical staff and members of the public who use care.
3. The 19 NHS trusts have been identified/ selected for the second phase of inspections based on whether they scored highly using the CQC intelligent monitoring tool; are a foundation trust applicant that Monitor have requested CQC to inspect; or were previously investigated as part of the Keogh Mortality Review.
4. Details associated with the CQC hospital inspections programme and the use of its intelligent monitoring tool were discussed at the Scrutiny Board’s previous meeting held on 30 October 2013.

Hospital inspection programme

5. The first phase of inspections started in September 2013 and by December 2015, the CQC will have inspected every NHS Trust in England. Each inspection will seek to answer the following five questions:
  - Are services safe;
  - Are services caring;

- Are services effective;
  - Are services well-led; and,
  - Are services responsive to people's needs?
6. Inspectors will then make a judgement about the quality and safety of the care provided in each NHS Trust. The second phase of inspections will be the first to see NHS trusts given a rating from the CQC, with care rated as outstanding, good, requiring improvement or inadequate.

#### Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)

7. In November 2013, the CQC advised that LTHT's inspection is scheduled for week commencing 17 March 2014. The CQC also invited any evidence / feedback from a Health Overview and Scrutiny perspective to be submitted by 14 February 2014.
8. The CQC confirmed that, following the evaluation of the 1st wave of hospital inspections, the following eight key service areas will be considered as part of the inspection process:
- Accident & Emergency
  - Medical care (including older people's care)
  - Surgery
  - Intensive / Critical care
  - Maternity & family planning
  - Children's care
  - End of life care
  - Outpatients
9. Others service areas will be considered if necessary.
10. Members are asked to consider whether any or not the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) should make any formal submission(s) to the CQC, to inform aspects of its planned inspection of LTHT.

#### **Recommendations**

11. The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) consider what, if any, information it should submit to inform the Care Quality Commission's planned inspection of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in March 2014.

#### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

12. 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.