



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

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

**Date: 29 January 2014**

**Subject: Work Schedule – January 2014**

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**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.
- 2.6 It should be noted that given the range of issues being considered by the Scrutiny Board, it is likely that a number of working groups will be necessary to consider specific issues/ matters.

#### Narrowing the Gap

- 2.7 At its meeting on 28 November 2013, the Board agreed to consider 'smoking reduction' in one of the planned sessions. This is reflected in Appendix 1.
- 2.8 Members also agreed to invite relevant officers to a future meeting to give further consideration to the issues discussed during the Council's 'State of the City' event held on 27 November 2013. Again this is also reflected in Appendix 1, although little progress has been made in this regard.
- 2.9 At its meeting in December 2013, the Scrutiny Board considered a report in response to the issues raised by the 2012 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer – *Our Children Deserve Better: Prevention Pays*. A summary of the points discussed is included in the draft minutes from that meeting – presented elsewhere on the agenda.
- 2.10 In addition, the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2013 (also presented elsewhere on the agenda) might help the Scrutiny Board identify other specific topics to consider in more detail, as part of this work.

#### Primary Care Services

- 2.11 At the meeting on 28 November 2013, members considered issues associated with NHS England's decision to terminate the contract for GP services provided at Woodlands Surgery and to close the surgery. At that meeting it was resolved

*That the Scrutiny Board revisit the matter at a future meeting to consider any 'lessons learned' and also consider the West Yorkshire Area Team's assurance role in relation to GPs and primary care services in general.*

- 2.12 As noted elsewhere on the agenda, to date, no arrangements have been made to facilitate any further consideration of the issues raised by the closure of the Woodlands GP Surgery.
- 2.13 However, as identified elsewhere it is proposed to convene a working group to undertake some scoping work aimed at establishing some parameters and priority areas for the Scrutiny Board in relation to primary care services in Leeds – taking into account issues raised in relation to the Woodlands Surgery and the Shakespeare Medical Practice. This is not currently reflected in Appendix 1.

### Mental Health Services

- 2.14 In 2011, the government published its mental health strategy, No health without mental health. This set out our long-term ambitions for the transformation of mental health care – and more importantly, for a broad change in the way people with mental health problems are supported in society as a whole. The strategy was built around six unambiguous objectives:
- More people will have good mental health
  - More people with mental health problems will recover
  - More people with mental health problems will have good physical health
  - More people will have a positive experience of care and support
  - Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm
  - Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination.
- 2.15 Earlier in January 2014, the government published an important policy statement on Mental Health (Closing the gap: priorities for essential change in mental health), which supports all of the above objectives. The document aims to bridge the gap between long-term ambition and shorter-term action. It seeks to show how changes in local service planning and delivery will make a difference to the lives of people with mental health problems, over the next two or three years. It sets out 25 areas where people can expect to see, and experience, the fastest changes – which can be considered to be the government's priorities for action.
- 2.16 The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has also published a range of guidance in relation to Mental Health issues.
- 2.17 At the meeting in December 2013, the Scrutiny Board agreed to invite Leeds and York Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust to a future meeting to report on the concerns raised around the provision of Mental Health service, reported delays in accessing services and the need to access services out of area.
- 2.18 In light of the available information, it might be appropriate to commission a report on the commissioning and provision of local mental health services to help define and scope any further work in this area.

### Urgent Care

- 2.19 At the meeting in December 2013, the Scrutiny Board also agreed that further consideration should be given to the necessary re-design of the local urgent and emergency care system, and in particular the current arrangements and operation of the '111' service.

- 2.20 The review of local urgent and emergency care is again referenced elsewhere on the agenda – in relation to the provision of General Practice (GP) and Walk-in Services at the Shakespeare Medical Practice. Nonetheless, consideration should be given to how the Scrutiny Board takes forward any further work in relation to urgent and emergency care and is both kept up-to-date and provided with the opportunity to input into the local review.

#### Health Service Developments Working Group

- 2.21 As reported to the previous meeting, further meetings of the working group are likely to take place in the near future, to help ensure the Scrutiny Board maintains an overview of planned changes/ developments to NHS services across the City. The need for future meetings is reflected in Appendix 1, however it should be noted that there has been limited progress in establishing future meeting arrangements.
- 2.22 It should also be noted that revised terms of reference for the working group will also need to be completed and reported to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board.

#### Dermatology Working Group

- 2.23 As previously reported, the working group meeting took place on 20 November 2013 and a report on the outcome / recommendations from that meeting will be presented to a future Board meeting. This is reflected in Appendix 1.

#### Summary

- 2.24 It is likely that further refinement of the work programme will be necessary as work areas develop. Such refinement will specifically take into account comments from the Scrutiny Board and revisions will also need to reflect new and/or agreed changes to the Scrutiny Board's priorities for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 2.25 In addition, given the range of potential issues identified in this report and the draft work schedule, it might also be useful for the Scrutiny Board to identify any issues it wishes to recommend are considered in the next municipal year.

### **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider and comment on the details in this report and amend/agree the draft work schedule presented at Appendix 1.

### **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.