
Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 16 December 2014

Subject: Request for Scrutiny

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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

Summary of main issues

1. The following Requests for Scrutiny have been received for consideration by the Scrutiny Board:
 - a. The potential risk to patients being created by the Board of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.
 - b. Use of the Council's resources in the delivery of a range of Adult Social Care services.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS)

2. A letter from the Unite Union is presented at Appendix A. Following discussions with the Leader and Deputy Leader of Council, the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing has refereed this matter to scrutiny for consideration.
3. Given the circular nature of the letter from Unite and to ensure a coordinated response (if appropriate), contact has been made with the scrutiny functions of other top tier local authorities where YAS currently delivers services.
4. In responding to this request, members might want to consider:
 - a. Holding a dedicated (and possibly extra) Scrutiny Board meeting in January 2015.

- b. Inviting a range of stakeholders to such a meeting, including Unite, YAS and Service Commissioners (including local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).
- c. Requesting a report detailing the performance of YAS – covering Leeds and the Yorkshire region more generally.
- d. Requesting details of any local Quality Assurance/ Surveillance meetings, alongside general performance management arrangements and any remedial actions agreed in recent months. .

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS)

5. A Request for Scrutiny has been received from Mr. Andy Atkins regarding the delivery of a range of Adult Social Care services – specifically, Community Support Service, Skills Independent Living Service and Extra Care Housing.
6. Information relevant to and in support of this request has been obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. Details will be provided to members of the Scrutiny Board ahead of the meeting.
7. Mr Atkins has been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board meeting to present his request and provide any additional details as required.

Other considerations

8. The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
9. When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:
 - If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;
 - If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently;
 - If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements;
 - The impact on the Board's current workload;
 - The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
 - The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny;
 - Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken.

Recommendations

10. The Scrutiny Board is asked to:
 - (i) Consider the Requests for Scrutiny;
 - (ii) Determine if the Scrutiny Board wishes to undertake further scrutiny on the matters raised; and
 - (iii) Agree any next steps.

Background papers¹

11. None used

¹ 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.