

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 21 April 2015

Subject: Specialised Services - Policy and Specification Consultation (March 2015)

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. At its meeting on 24 March 2015, the Scrutiny Board considered NHS England's consultation on a proposed set of principles to underpin the future decision making process for investment in specialised services. The Scrutiny Board's response to this consultation is currently being drafted.
2. Later that same day (i.e. 24 March 2015), NHS England launched a further 30-day public consultation on a number of clinical commissioning policies and service specifications for specialised services.
3. In a statement on its website, NHS England highlighted:
'The 33 policies, five service specifications and two other commissioning products (Chemotherapy algorithms for multiple myeloma and UK Genetic Testing Network new test recommendations) will be open to a 30 day consultation period, closing on 23 April 2015.'
4. Elsewhere on its website, NHS England stated:
*'There has already been extensive engagement on these national specifications and policies, as they have been developed with the support and input of lead clinicians and patient and public representatives. This approach has helped ensure that the views of key stakeholders have informed and influenced the development of the policies and specifications so far.
We now wish to test them further with wider groups of stakeholders.'*
'This consultation is open to anyone who may wish to respond. However, it is anticipated that the target audience will be those likely to be affected by these proposed changes.'

5. Details of the specific consultation areas are outlined in Appendix 1.
6. A representative from NHS England has been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board meeting.
7. In addition, in order to help the Scrutiny Board consider the wide ranging service specifications and commissioning policies – and more importantly any specific implications for services users and/or the local acute trust, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust was invited to provide a briefing note for the Scrutiny Board (attached at Appendix 2).
8. Given the number of service specifications and commissioning policies under consideration and the timescale for responses, Trust representatives have also been invited to attend the meeting to highlight any issues that may have come to light as the Trust has progressed its review of the most recent consultation. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting – most likely on an exception basis – focusing on any areas where there may be specific impacts and/or concerns.

Recommendations

9. The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) is asked to:
 - a. Consider the information presented and identify how it may wish to respond to the consultation ahead of the 23 April 2015 deadline.
 - b. Identify any specific matters that warrant further scrutiny activity and/or additional action.

Background papers¹

10. 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.