

# **SCRUTINY BOARD (ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND NHS)**

**TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Gruen in the Chair

Councillors C Anderson, B Flynn,  
A Hussain, G Hussain, S Lay, C Macniven,  
B Selby, A Smart, E Taylor and S Varley

## **1 Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all those present to the Scrutiny Board's first meeting of the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

## **2 Late Items**

There were no late items.

## **3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared to the meeting, however the following matters were brought to the attention of the Scrutiny Board for information:

- Councillor B Selby highlighted he was Chair of Leeds' Community Equipment Partnership.
- Councillor G Hussain outlined that a close family member was an employee within the local NHS.

Both members remained present for the duration of the meeting.

## **4 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **5 Minutes - 14 May 2015**

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser gave a brief introduction and outlined the current position on some of the previous Board's priority areas from the previous year.

In relation to Minute 111 – Scrutiny Inquiry: Leeds' Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Targeted Mental Health in School – draft final report – Councillor S Lay queried the status on the final report and any future follow-up by the Scrutiny Board.

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser confirmed the final report had now been published and shared with commissioners for a formal response (expected at the July meeting of the Scrutiny Board).

The Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults also confirmed that the report had been submitted and presented as a late item to the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 10 June 2015.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the update provided at the meeting be noted.
- (b) That the minutes of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) meeting held on 14 May 2015, be approved as an accurate and correct record.

**6 Terms of Reference**

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which presented the Board's Terms of Reference.

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser gave a brief summary of the current Terms of Reference, agreed by Full Council on 21 May 2015, and highlighted the key changes from the previous municipal year (i.e. 2014/15).

**RESOLVED –** That the Board's Terms of Reference be noted.

**7 Co-opted Members**

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report that sought the Board's formal consideration for the appointment of non-voting co-opted Members to the Board for the current municipal year.

The report set out historical arrangement in general and specifically the arrangements in place for the previous municipal year, 2014/15.

The Scrutiny Board considered and discussed the details set out in the report.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) To invite two nominations from HealthWatch Leeds to act as standing non-voting co-opted Members of the Board for the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year.
- (b) That the appointment of any other non-voting co-opted Members to the Board be kept under review for the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year.

## 8 Sources of Work

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report on potential sources of work and areas of priority within the Board's Terms of Reference.

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser gave a brief introduction to the report and highlighted the following information appended to the report:

- Vision for Scrutiny at Leeds – Appendix 1
- Summary Best Council Plan 2015-20 (2015-16 update) – Appendix 2
- Leeds Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2015 (summary) – Appendix 3
- Public Health England: Leeds' Adult Social Care Profile – Appendix 4
- Public Health England: Leeds' Health Profile 2015 – Appendix 5
- NHS Five Year Forward View (October 2014) – Appendix 6

The following representatives were in attendance to discuss the Board's future work programme and responded to Members' queries and comments:

- Councillor Lisa Mulherin (Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults)
- Dr Ian Cameron (Director of Public Health)
- Phil Corrigan (Chief Officer, NHS Leeds West CCG)
- Matt Ward (Chief Operating Officer, NHS Leeds South and East CCG)
- Jill Copeland (Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive) – Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Dr John Beal – HealthWatch Leeds.

The Director of Public Health, advised the Scrutiny Board of a recent Treasury announcement that would see Public Health funding reduced by approximately £200M across England for 2015/16 (the current year): Equating to around £3M for Leeds.

The Director of Public Health and Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults advised the precise details had not yet been confirmed, however there was likely to be a significant impact on the Council's 'prevention agenda'. It was confirmed that a Department of Health consultation was anticipated in the near future – likely to focus on how the decision could be implemented.

A range of other topic areas were highlighted and discussed by the Scrutiny Board, including:

- Work of the Children's and Adult's Safeguarding Boards.
- Development of co-commissioning arrangements for Specialised Services.
- Air Quality.

- Primary Care Access – with a potential focus on access for vulnerable groups, including the learning disabled and those suffering mental ill-health.
- Service integration and joint health and social care teams.
- Parity of Esteem between services for adults and services for children, but also between physical and mental health.
- Workforce planning across the local health and social care system.

The Chair addressed the Scrutiny Board and, in recognising the potential scope and remit of the Board, put forward the following principles in order to try and establish a balanced work programme:

- A desire to consider each of the three distinctive elements of the Board's remit – i.e. Adult Social Services, Public Health and the NHS.
- Utilising the Board's capacity to undertake a mixture of in-depth inquiries and some shorter, more precise areas of work.
- Maintaining a flexible approach.
- Ensuring the Scrutiny Board has access to high quality information.

In summary, the Chair proposed the following areas of focus for the Scrutiny Board:

#### **In-depth inquiry areas**

- Air Quality across the City
- Integrated Health and Social Care Teams (to include some consideration on the impact of hospital re-admission rates)
- Primary Care, focusing on:
  - Access to GPs / dentists
  - Workforce planning
  - Future plans for primary care – taking account of the City's ambitions to build significant levels of new homes
  - Some aspects of health inequalities.

#### **Other items**

- Cancer wait times
- Key Performance Indicators
- Co-commissioning (including specialised services)
- Issues for the previous year (for example, follow up on recommendations, CQC inspections, maternity strategy, oral health strategy, epilepsy)
- Third sector involvement / relationships.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) That, in consultation with the relevant Directors and Executive Board Member regarding resources, some of the areas considered at the

meeting be incorporated into the Board's work schedule for the 2015/16 municipal year.

- (b) That authority be given to the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS), in conjunction with officers, to draw up a draft work programme and where necessary draft terms of reference for inquiry for subsequent approval by the Scrutiny Board.

## **9 Local Authority Health Scrutiny**

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report introducing the Department of Health guidance around Local Authority Health Scrutiny and proposals to establish and associated working group of the Scrutiny Board.

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser gave a brief summary of the report by way of introduction.

Members of the Scrutiny Board discussed the details presented and agreed to re-establish the Health Service Developments Working Group in line with the draft Terms of Reference presented, with the following core membership:

- Councillor B Flynn
- Councillor P Gruen (Chair)
- Councillor B Selby
- Councillor E Taylor
- Councillor S Varley

### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the report and Department of Health guidance presented, be noted.
- (b) That the Health Service Developments Working Group, with the core membership identified at the meeting, be re-established for the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year.
- (c) That the Health Service Developments Working Group Terms of Reference be agreed in line with the details presented and discussed at the meeting.

## **10 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 28 July 2015 at 2:00pm (pre meeting for all Board Members at 1:30pm)

(The meeting concluded at 3:25pm)