

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

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 25 February 2016**

**Subject: Preparing for the Future, Supporting Special Educational Needs and Disabled Young People – Health.**

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
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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

**1.0 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2015, the Scrutiny Board considered potential sources of work for the 2015/16 municipal year. Following discussion with the Executive Board Member (Children and Families) and representatives from Childrens Services the Board expressed a desire to undertake an inquiry which would consider what it is like to grow up in Leeds if you are a child with special educational needs and/or a disability. Terms of reference were agreed by the Scrutiny Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2015. The Board resolved to initially scrutinise the needs of young people from year 9 onwards.
- 1.2 The inquiry has a number of focus areas including to make an assessment of and, where appropriate make recommendations on preparation for adulthood.
- 1.3 The Board has conducted a number of inquiry sessions and has also undertaken visits to SILCs, partnership and resourced schools. During the inquiry there has been reference to the health support and the partnership in place to support SEND young people into adult services. The Board resolved that a further understanding is required about the function of health services in supporting young people with their health needs whilst transitioning from children’s health services to adult health services. In addition to a greater understanding of the partnership that exists with both Local Authority Children’s Services and Adult Social Care in providing an integrated support service.

1.4 Health practitioners from Leeds South and East CCG, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH) and Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHT) have been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February.

1.5 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are largely responsible for commissioning the following services:

- community health services;
- maternity services;
- planned hospital care (operations, scans etc);
- mental health services;
- rehabilitation services;
- urgent and emergency care, including A&E, ambulances and out-of-hours services; and
- continuing healthcare (a package of care provided outside hospital, arranged and funded by the NHS, for people with ongoing healthcare needs).

Currently there are three CCGs in Leeds, Leeds North, Leeds South and East and Leeds West, each covering and responsible for local health services across different areas of the City. Catherine Williams, Commissioning Manager from NHS LEEDS South and East CCG is attending to discuss the relevant services commissioned.

1.6 LCH and LTHT are responsible for the provision of healthcare. LCH is responsible for providing a range of community healthcare services for adults and children in the Leeds area, including community nursing, health visiting, physiotherapy, community dentistry, primary care mental health, smoking cessation and sexual health services.

LTHT provides acute hospital services for the population of Leeds and surrounding areas and acts as a regional centre for a number of specialised services, including cancer services and cardiac surgery services.

The Trust delivers services across the following seven hospitals.

- Leeds General Infirmary (LGI)
- St James's University Hospital
- Seacroft Hospital
- Wharfedale Hospital
- Chapel Allerton Hospital
- Leeds Children's Hospital
- Leeds Dental Institute

Anne Stanton, Head of Nursing, Leeds Children's Hospital (LTHT) and Benita Powrie Head of Service, Integrated Children's Additional Service (LCH) are attending to support this session of the inquiry.

1.7 The Head of Service Complex Needs, Children's Services and representatives from Specialist Services, Adult Social Care have also been invited to attend.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

The Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) is recommended to:

- a) Note and consider the information presented verbally to the Board on the 25 February 2016.
- b) Make recommendations as deemed appropriate.

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

None

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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.