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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny

### Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)

**Date: 26 July 2016**

### Subject: Responses to Scrutiny Board Recommendations

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 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the initial responses to the Scrutiny Board recommendations following the inquiries into Cancer Waiting Times in Leeds and Bereavement.

## 2 Background information

- 2.1 During the course of the previous municipal year, the Scrutiny Board undertook inquiries into (i) Cancer Waiting Times in Leeds; and (2) Bereavement. The final report and recommendations for each inquiry area were agreed in May 2016, with relevant organisations subsequently invited to respond to the recommendations.
- 2.2 A summary of the desired outcomes and associated recommendations from each report is attached at Appendix 1 .

## 3 Response to the recommendations

- 3.1 The formal responses to the Scrutiny Board recommendations are attached at Appendix 2 (Cancer Waiting Times in Leeds) and Appendix 3 (Bereavements).

- 3.2 In providing its response to the Scrutiny Board report and recommendations, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHA Trust also provided the following statement:

*Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust welcomes the suggestions made by Leeds City Council Members and has provided responses to the specified recommendations in reports from the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS), namely:*

- i) Bereavements: Policies and Practices; and*
- ii) Cancer Waiting Times in Leeds.*

*Members are asked to note that, given the strong requirement for strategic services to be integrated across primary, secondary and tertiary or specialist care, we have agreed our responses to the Cancer report with commissioners and key partners.*

*This is particularly important as the recommendations arise from consideration of waiting times but relate almost exclusively to our emergent cancer strategy.*

- 3.3 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the response and proposed actions, and determine any further scrutiny activity that may be required.

## **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS):

- (a) Considers the responses provided to its recommendations and the associated actions and approach.
- (b) Determines future monitoring arrangements of the recommendations and proposed actions.

## **5 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.