

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

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

Date: 28 March 2017

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – Men’s Health in Leeds

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
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

Background

1. At its meeting in June 2016, the Scrutiny Board identified ‘Men’s Health’ as a specific area of inquiry for 2016/17.
2. In September 2016, the Scrutiny Board considered a background briefing note alongside a summary version of the ‘State of Men’s Health in Leeds’ report. The September 2016 discussion represented the Board’s first detailed consideration of matters related to Men’s Health since June 2016, with representatives from Public Health and Leeds Beckett University attending the meeting.
3. At the September meeting, the Board also considered the following information from the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS):
 - Men Behaving Badly: Ten questions council scrutiny can ask about men’s health;
 - Checking the Nation’s Health: The Value of Council Scrutiny.

Summary of main issues

4. Aside from general matters concerning Men’s Health, consideration of the ‘State of Men’s Health in Leeds’ report identified ‘Suicide’ and the ‘take-up of health checks’ as potential areas for detailed consideration.

5. As such, this provides an opportunity to consider issues associated with suicide and suicide prevention – with a specific focus on Men’s Health issues – detailed in the attached report from the Director of Public Health, and the associated appendices.
6. Appropriate representatives have been invited to attend the meeting to assist the Board in its consideration of the information presented.

Recommendations

7. The Scrutiny Board is requested to consider the information attached to this report and identify any specific matters as part of its inquiry into Men’s Health in Leeds.

Background papers¹

None

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.