

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

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

Date: 25 April 2017

Subject: Proposed Prescribing Changes: Formal Consultation

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

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a range of information associated with proposed changes to local prescribing arrangements; and to seek the Scrutiny Board's view on said proposals.

2 Main issues

- 2.1 In February 2017, the Scrutiny Board was first made aware of proposals from Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) around changes to prescribing in Leeds. In summary the proposals cover the following matters:
- stop prescribing treatments / medicines for short-term, minor conditions/ailments that are available over the counter (in pharmacies or shops) at a price cheaper than an NHS prescription (or where there is insufficient evidence of clinical benefit or cost effectiveness);
 - stop prescribing branded medicines where alternative medicines are available; and,
 - stop prescribing gluten-free foods.
- 2.2 Details of the proposed changes are set in more detail in the briefing note attached at Appendix 1 with proposed draft guidance set out at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The proposals are subject to a formal period of public consultation and engagement, which due to conclude at the end of May 2017. Details of the engagement plan are detailed at Appendix 3.

- 2.4 It should be noted that details of the online survey can be found using the following link: <https://www.leedswestccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/we-need-your-views/prescribing-changes-across-leeds/>
- 2.5 To assist and help inform the Scrutiny Board's view on the proposals, opinion from other sources has been sought, including Leeds Director of Public Health, Leeds Local Medical Committee and Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire.
- 2.6 Details provided by Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire are presented at Appendix 4. Other details are yet to be received; however any further details received will be provided to the Scrutiny Board in advance of the meeting.
- 2.7 Appropriate representatives have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the proposals, the associated implications and address any specific queries and/or points of clarification.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the information provided and:
- Agree the outline of any formal response to the proposals.
 - Identify any specific matters that may require further scrutiny input/ activity.

4. Background papers¹

- 4.1 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.