

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults and Health)

Date: 10 October 2017

Subject: Closure of the Blood Donor Centre in Seacroft – update

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 provide an update on the Scrutiny Board's consideration of NHS Blood and Transplant's decision to close the Blood Donor Centre in Seacroft, and subsequent activity.

2 Main issues

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) first became aware of NHS Blood and Transplant's proposed closure of the Blood Donor Centre in Seacroft in December 2016. Various exchanges of correspondence between the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (on behalf of the Scrutiny Board) and NHS Blood and Transplant followed.
- 2.2 Following consideration of the all information made available, in April 2017 (subject to final drafting amendments) the Scrutiny Board agreed a statement in response to NHS Blood and Transplant's closure decision. The agreed statement, published in May 2017, is attached to this report for information.
- 2.3 In line with the Scrutiny Board's agreed statement, responses were sought from the identified organisations in May 2017, with a deadline of 30 June 2017.
- 2.4 The following responses were received and considered by the Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 18 July 2017.
- NHS Blood and Transplant – dated 6 June 2017
 - The Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) – dated 21 June 2017

- 2.5 At the meeting in July 2017, it was noted that a response from the Department of Health (NHS Blood and Transplant triennial review team) had not been received.
- 2.6 Following consideration of the various information presented at the meeting in July 2017, the Scrutiny Board resolved:
- (a) *That the responses to the Board's statement following NHS Blood and Transplant's decision to close the blood donor centre in Seacroft, Leeds, be noted.*
 - (b) *That the Board writes a letter to the Secretary of State for Health to:*
 - i. *Express disappointment at the lack of response from the Department of Health.*
 - ii. *Express disappointment that the general response from NHS Blood and Transplant (a publically funded body) was not in the spirit of an open, transparent and learning organisation*
 - iii. *Seek clarification about the responsibilities of Special Health Authorities around proposed service changes and/or developments and specifically the applicability of the 'four tests' announced in May 2010.*
- 2.7 Details of the Scrutiny Board's letter and associated enclosures are appended to this report; alongside the Department of Health response (dated 5 September).

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to consider the attached details and agree any specific follow-up action, input or 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.