



Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults and Health)

Date: 14 November 2017

Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Seacroft Clinic and Community Dental Services

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

Summary of main issues

1. A request for Scrutiny has been received from Councillor Catherine Dobson.
2. The request relates to Seacroft Clinic and Community Dental Services and a copy of Councillor Dobson's request is attached at Appendix 1.
3. Councillor Dobson has been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board to outline his request and address any queries the Scrutiny Board may have.
4. Other ward members from Killingbeck and Seacroft have also been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board.
5. Representatives from Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust have not been specifically invited to attend the Scrutiny Board at this time.

Chairs action

6. The process for dealing with requests for scrutiny is set out in the Scrutiny Board procedure rules, which includes presenting the request to the next ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Board.
7. However, in preparation for the Scrutiny Board's formal consideration of the request at this meeting, the Chair proposed and gained agreement to a number of actions in advance of the meeting: The aim being to provide members of the Scrutiny Board with sufficient information in order to make an informed and timely decision when considering the request for scrutiny.

8. The actions agreed with other members of the Scrutiny Board consisted of:
- The Chair convening a meeting between local ward members and Leeds Community Healthcare Trust, where the concerns raised could will be discussed (this discussion took place on Thursday, 2 November 2017).
 - Producing a note of the above meeting; detailing the issues discussed, any assurances given and any remaining (or additional) concerns of ward members.
 - Presenting the note of the above meeting to the SB meeting on the 14 November 2017, alongside the formal request for scrutiny.
 - Details of the SB outcome being captured and recorded in the minutes of its meeting held on 14 November 2014 (and subsequently confirmed at the meeting on 19 December 2017).
9. To help inform the meeting held on 2 November 2017, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust produced a briefing document that sought to address/ answer a number of the matter raised in the Request for Scrutiny. This is presented at Appendix 2.
10. A separate note of the meeting held on 2 November 2017 will be provided to members of the Scrutiny Board in advance of the meeting.

Health Service Developments Working Group

11. It should be noted that at the Scrutiny Board's Health Service Developments Working Group (HSDWG) meeting held on 29 September 2017, members considered the proposals around Community Dental Services and Seacroft Clinic.
12. At the HSDWG meeting, members of the Scrutiny Board were updated on the proposed one-stop approach to Community Dental Services facilities across two locations - a children's centre at Beeston Hill Community Health Centre and an adults' centre operating from the Reginald Centre, Chapeltown. Members were also advised that Seacroft would continue to operate at a reduced capacity as part of a 6-month trial period from October 2017.
13. As part of the discussion, Members raised concerns around travel times and complicated bus routes for vulnerable service users: It was suggested that the predictions for travel time did not reflect actual travel times across the city, and should be amended to reflect bus changes and waiting times. Members were also concerned about this service change potentially increasing health inequalities and could lead to more hospital inpatient admissions.
14. Members requested more information on the evaluation process for the trial and data around use of public transport for service users. Members also discussed the attendance of commissioners of the service (NHS England) at the next HSDWG meeting, currently planned for 5 January 2017.

Considering the request for scrutiny

15. The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
16. When considering the Request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:

- If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;
- If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently;
- If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements;
- The impact on the Board's current workload;
- The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
- The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny;
- Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken.

Recommendations

8. The Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) is asked to consider the Request for Scrutiny and determine what, if any, further scrutiny activity it wishes to make in this regard.

Background papers¹

9. 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.