

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults and Health)

Date: 19 December 2017

Subject: Work Schedule – December 2017

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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the remainder of the current municipal year (2017/18).

2 Main issues

- 2.1 During discussions at the initial meeting in June 2017, the Scrutiny Board discussed and identified a broad range of matters for possible inclusion within the overall work schedule for 2017/18. However, it was acknowledged that, due to the resources directly available to support the Board's work, there would be limitations on the work schedule; and that the Scrutiny Board would need to prioritise its main areas of focus for 2017/18.
- 2.2 The latest iteration of the work schedule is attached as Appendix 1 for consideration and agreement of the Scrutiny Board – subject to any identified and agreed amendments.
- 2.3 Executive Board minutes from the meeting held on 15 November 2017 and minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 23 November 2017 are attached at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3, respectively. The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider and note these minutes, insofar as they relate to the remit of the Scrutiny Board; and identify any matter where specific scrutiny activity may subsequently be warranted.

Developing the work schedule

- 2.4 The work schedule should not be considered to be a fixed and rigid programme, it should be recognised as something that can be adapted and changed to reflect any new and emerging issues throughout the year; and also reflect any timetabling issues that might occur from time to time.
- 2.5 However, when considering any developments and/or modifications to the work schedule, effort should be undertaken to:
- Avoid unnecessary duplication by having a full appreciation of any existing forums already having oversight of, or monitoring a particular issue.
 - Ensure any Scrutiny undertaken has clarity and focus of purpose and will add value and can be delivered within an agreed time frame.
 - Avoid pure “information items” except where that information is being received as part of a policy/scrutiny review
 - Seek advice about available resources and relevant timings taking into consideration the workload across the Scrutiny Boards and the type of Scrutiny taking place
 - Build in sufficient flexibility to enable the consideration of urgent matters that may arise during the year
- 2.6 In addition, in order to deliver the work schedule, the Board may need to take a flexible approach and undertake activities outside the formal schedule of meetings – such as working groups and site visits, where deemed appropriate. This flexible approach may also require additional formal meetings of the Scrutiny Board.

Developments since the previous Scrutiny Board meeting

- 2.7 Given the nature of the Scrutiny Board’s broad remit, which is reflected in the overall work schedule, it is perhaps useful to consider specific updates and proposals to particular aspects of the work schedule going forward – and building on details previously presented to the Board. Further details are presented below.

Health and Care Needs of Offenders

- 2.8 Since the previous Scrutiny Board meeting in November 2017, the Board held a working group meeting on 7 December 2017, meeting with commissioning representatives from NHS England, Public Health England and Adult and Health.
- 2.9 Details from the working group meeting are being progressed – including any identified follow-up actions. Further activities being planned as part of the inquiry are likely to include:
- Visits to HMP Leeds and HMP Wealstun (subject to agreement with the relevant Prison Governor). Letters detailing a requested visit have been issued to both Prison Governors.
 - Consideration of HealthWatch Leeds’ (HWL) research, which analyses prisoner experiences of healthcare services at HMP Leeds. It is intended to present the HWL report to the January 2018 meeting of the Scrutiny Board.
 - Discussions with the healthcare provider at HMP Leeds and HMP Wealston (Care UK) are planned for the February 2018 Scrutiny Board meeting.

- Potential discussions with representatives from the appropriate Independent Monitoring Boards are still be pursued on behalf of the Scrutiny Board.

Current provision of GP services

- 2.10 Due to unavoidable delays in commissioning the necessary reports from Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group Partnership, further aspects / areas for consideration are likely to be delayed by a meeting cycle. These details are reflected in the outline schedule attached at Appendix 1.

Other Matters

- 2.11 A range of other matters were identified as part of the Board's work schedule, and any specific updates and/or developments are detailed below.

Leeds Health and Social Care Academic Partnership Strategy

- 2.12 The Partnership Board agreed the strategy at its meeting in early November 2017 and it is proposed to present this to the Scrutiny Board for consideration in January 2018.

Renal Patient Transport Update

- 2.13 A brief update from the Kidney Patient's Association suggests the changes to the transport arrangements have settled and patients' experiences have improved. Discussions with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust regarding any future service developments continue; and will be reported to the Board and/or the Health Service Developments Working Group, in due course.

NHSE Children's Epilepsy Surgery Services – update

- 2.14 Reflecting on the rescheduling of other matters (such as the Renal Patient Transport Update and the Leeds Health and Social Care Academic Partnership Strategy); and subject to any other emerging issues, it is proposed to request an update from NHS England for early 2018.

Request for Scrutiny – Seacroft Clinic / Community Dental Services

- 2.15 As agreed at the previous meeting, the Scrutiny Board will continue to review the pilot evaluation of the delivery of Community Dental Services and will aim to consider Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust's overall future estates strategy.

Health Service Developments Working Group

- 2.16 An additional working group meeting is due to take place on 13 December 2017 – which will include discussions on Ophthalmology, Maternity Services and Urgent Care.
- 2.17 Performance discussions are also planned with the three main NHS Trusts (providers) across Leeds. The next meeting is scheduled for early January 2018, where it is planned to present the following details for consideration:
- Integrated finance report (prepared by Leeds CCG Partnership)
 - Integrated performance report (prepared by Leeds CCG Partnership)
 - Chief Executive reports from:
 - Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

- Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust
- Leeds and York Partnership MHS Foundation Trust

2.18 A separate performance discussion covering Adult Social Care and Public Health is also planned for January 2018. The proposal is to continue with this approach, primarily due to the number and range of bodies involved and the capacity at a single working group meeting.

3 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to consider the details in this report, in particular the details set out in paragraphs 2.7 – 2.18 of this report and agree/ amend the updated work schedule presented at Appendix 1.

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.