

Scrutiny Inquiry – GP-led Health Centres

Working Group meeting – 19 August 2008

Summary of information provided by Damian Riley, Director of Primary Care, Leeds Primary Care Trust.

General matters

- In Leeds, the term 'GP led Health Centres' is being used rather than 'polyclinics'.
- There are currently already over 100 GP practice contracts in place covering all practices in Leeds PCT.
- These practices range in size, from 1000 – 30,000 registered patients, and provide a range of additional services at a local level.

Current developments

- There is a proposal for one further GP provider outlet – in the Burmantofts area of Leeds as part of a new GP-led Health Centre. It is anticipated this will register any patients who wish to join the practice, and the list size will grow steadily to provide services for an estimated 1000 registered patients by end of year 1.
- There will be a formal procurement and evaluation process to establish a reputable, quality provider of this service, who will provide a range of services from 8:00am-8:00pm, 7 days per week all year round.
- There is strong evidence that there are significant health needs within and around the Burmantofts area of Leeds.
- In addition, the closure of the Dr. Potts practice has also increased the need for additional capacity in that area of the city.
- Furthermore, the centre will be well placed to meet the needs of patients who otherwise feel inclined to attend Accident and Emergency services
- The proposed centre will be procured as an NHS contract (i.e. not a private service) and will remain free at the point of use for patients.
- Details of such proposals were discussed at the Service Reconfiguration Sub-Group (as part of the arrangements under the former Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) in December 2007 and March 2008.
- Leeds PCT launched a public consultation for people to give us their views about the plans to provide a new GP-led health centre in Burmantofts. The consultation ran from 19th May to 8th August.

Additional Information

Since April 2008, Leeds PCT has been offering a voluntary incentive scheme aimed at all GP practices in Leeds. The scheme provides an additional payment (£2.95 per head of population on the registered list) in return for the provision of additional surgery hours (30 minutes/ week for every 1000 head of population on the registered list).

This expenditure represents additional funding with a current take-up rate exceeding 50% of practices.

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