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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Health)**

**Date: 20 January 2008**

**Subject: GP-led Health Centre – scrutiny inquiry**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity   
Community Cohesion   
Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 At its meeting on 22 July 2008, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed the terms of reference for undertaking a scrutiny inquiry to consider the proposals for and implications of developing GP-led Health Centres (Polyclinics) in Leeds. The scope of the inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on the following areas:

- The likely impact of Lord Darzi's interim report (NHS Next Stage Review) on healthcare in Leeds in the short, medium and longer term.
- The impact which the proposed GP-led health centre will have on healthcare provision and Council Services (particularly Adult Social Care and Children's Services) in Leeds.
- How the PCT can best manage the establishment of the new health centre in order to maximise the benefits for the population of Leeds and minimise any negative impact.
- How the Council ought to approach the issue, and its overall role in managing public expectation.

1.2 At the July 2008 meeting, the Board also agreed the membership of a working group to undertake some aspects of the inquiry. Updates on the work undertaken by the working group have been provided at the Board meeting held on 21 October 2008 and 18 November 2008. The Board gave further consideration to this matter at its meeting in December 2008.

## **2.0 Inquiry issues**

2.1 At its meeting in December 2008, the Board raised a number of concerns/ issues and requested a range of additional information, including:

- Details of the preferred/ successful provider to be issued to the Board as soon as confirmed (within the boundaries of the procurement process), along with confirmed service provision.
- Confirmation of the capital and revenue budgets associated with establishing a GP-Led Health Centre at Burmantofts.

2.2 A further submission from NHS Leeds, aimed at addressing the issues above, is presented at Appendix 1. Representatives from NHS Leeds will attend the meeting to respond to issues raised by the Scrutiny Board.

## **3.0 Recommendations**

3.1 The Board is requested to:

- 3.1.1 Consider the information provided in this report and appendix and any specific matters discussed at the meeting;
- 3.1.2 Identify any additional information that may be required and determine any specific matters that require further scrutiny;
- 3.1.3 Determine and confirm the next steps of the inquiry.

## **4.0 Background Papers**

Terms of reference – Inquiry into GP-Led Health Centres/Polyclinics (agreed 22 July 2008)