



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 20 January 2009

Subject: Clinical Services Reconfiguration

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) on the progress of the Clinical Services Reconfiguration, which will see inpatient services for children centralised at Leeds General Infirmary and elderly medicine and the majority of inpatient acute medical services centralised at St James's. Members of the Scrutiny Board should note that it is planned that children's inpatient and critical care services will be centralised at LGI by June 2010.
- 1.2 Attached to this report is a submission from NHS Leeds which details the associated communications and engagement plan (Appendix 1), alongside a further paper from Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust (LTHT) which provides a summary of progress to date (Appendix 2).

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The proposed centralisation of children's inpatient and critical care services at Leeds General Infirmary, which received ministerial support in autumn 2007, has been the subject of a number of reports and discussions at the Scrutiny Board (Health) and its predecessor Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care).
- 2.2 Such discussions have taken place on a number of different levels, including both the Health Proposals Working Group and the full Scrutiny Board meetings, which can be summarised by the following:

- December 2007 (Health Proposals Working Group) – received outline details of the proposed centralisation of children’s hospital services.
- March 2007 (Health Proposals Working Group) – received and considered the wider impact of the proposed centralisation of children’s hospital services, i.e. implications on adult services. Under the definitions of reconfiguration proposals and stages of engagement / consultation, the proposed changes were identified as ‘significant’ – which required formal mechanisms to be established to ensure that patients, service users, careers and the public were engaged in planning and associated decision-making processes.
- July 2008 (Scrutiny Board (Health)) – the newly formed Scrutiny Board received a brief summary of the proposals, including the aims and philosophy for Children’s Services, Adult Acute Medicine and Older People’s Medicine. The Board was also presented with an update on the engagement and involvement process to date.
- November 2008 Scrutiny Board (Health)) – The Scrutiny Board received a verbal update on progress, including the ongoing consultation with staff and parents to develop proposals for children. The Scrutiny Board was advised that building work had commenced on the Children’s Assessment Unit, which was due for completion in January 2009, and further building would take place between April 2009 and June 2010 before all the new provision was complete.

2.3 At its meeting on 13 March 2008, the Health Proposals Working Group (a working group formed under the former Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board) considered the impact of proposals to centralise children’s inpatient services at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI). This required

3.0 Report Issues

3.1 The attached submission (Appendix 1) from NHS Leeds details the communications and engagement plan associated with this project. This is presented alongside a further paper from Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust (LTHT) which provides an update of progress to date (Appendix 2). In summary, the purpose of this item is to provide the Scrutiny Board with:

- A summary of the children’s services changes previously presented;
- A more detailed account of the proposed changes on adult and older peoples medicine;
- Details of the communication and engagement to date;
- Details of the further communication and engagement work planned going forward;
- Confirmation of the latest implementation timescales.

3.2 Representatives from both NHS Leeds and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) will attend the Board to present the attached reports and address any questions identified by the Board.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Board is requested to consider the information provided in this report and its appendices and determine what, if any, further scrutiny is required.

4.2 The Board is further asked to:

4.2.1 Comment on the communication and engagement work to date and confirm that both NHS Leeds and LTHT are meeting the Scrutiny Board's expectations in this regard.

4.2.2 Comment on the all the proposed service changes and associated implications.

5.0 Background Papers

- 20 December 2007 – Health Proposals Working Group: Centralisation of Inpatient Children's Services In Leeds
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- 13 March 2008 – Health Proposals Working Group: Clinical Services Reconfiguration Programme, including:
 - Centralisation of Inpatient Childrens Services in Leeds at LGI (Children's Services Project);
 - Centralisation of Inpatient Elderly and Adult Acute Medicine Services and Adult Gastroenterology (Elderly, Adult Acute Medicine and Gastroenterology Projects)