



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 13th February 2009

Subject: GP-led Health Centre – scrutiny inquiry

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 At its meeting on 22 July 2008, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry into 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 A working group of the Board was established to carry out initial discussion around these issues, and a number of discussions were also held at full board meetings. Attached at Appendix 1 is a timeline which provides a very brief description of the dates, external attendees and content of each session of the inquiry to date.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is requested to:

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

3.0 Background Papers

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