



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 28th April 2009

Subject: Hospital Discharges 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 12 December 2008, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed to undertake an inquiry into Hospital Discharges which, in broad terms, would consider the areas for improvement identified in the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice inspection report¹. The terms of reference for this inquiry were agreed at the Board's meeting on 20 January 2009.
- 1.2 The first formal session of the inquiry was held at the Board's meeting on 20 January 2009, and the second was held at the meeting on 24 March 2009.
- 1.3 Following a request from the Chief Executive of the Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust, the chair has agreed to hold a third and final session of this inquiry to examine the situation in relation to hospital discharges in the mental health sector.
- 1.4 Appended to this report is a short briefing paper on hospital discharges in the mental health sector. Officers from the Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions that members may have.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the report and determine the next steps of this inquiry.

3.0 Background Documents

- Terms of reference – Inquiry into Hospital Discharges (agreed 20 January 2009)

¹ Leeds City Council's Service Inspection Report 'Independence, Wellbeing and Choice' was published by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) on 3 December 2008.