



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 28 July 2009

Subject: Renal Services: Provision at Leeds General Infirmary

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Executive Summary

1.1 The Scrutiny Board was first advised of the need to close the Welcome Wing at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI) in February 2006. The decision to close the Welcome Wing included the decision to reconfigure and re-house the services elsewhere in Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT). This included the reconfiguration of renal services, which saw St. James' Hospital become the main centre for inpatient renal services.

1.2 Since that time, the Scrutiny Board has considered the provision of renal services (particular dialysis services) and associated patient transport on several occasions.

2.0 Purpose of this Report

2.1 The purpose of the report is to allow the Scrutiny Board (Health) to consider current proposals from LTHT associated with the provision of renal services (dialysis) across the Trust, particularly in terms of provision at LGI.

3.0 Main Issues - Progress Towards Improvement Priorities

3.1 To assist the Scrutiny Board consider the issue in detail, the following information is attached to this report:

- Appendix 1 – a timeline of decisions, actions and considerations associated with the provision of renal services by LTHT since February 2006.
- Appendix 2 – a briefing note from LTHT on the current provision of renal services and considerations.

- Appendix 3 – a joint report from NHS Leeds and Specialist Commissioning Group (SCG) (Yorkshire and Humber) on their role as commissioners of renal services and current considerations.
- Appendix 4 – a submission on behalf of the LGI Kidney Patients Association (KPA)
- Appendix 5 – a submission on behalf of the St. James' Kidney Patients Association (KPA)
- Appendix 6 – a submission on behalf of the National Kidney Federation

3.2 With the exception of the National Kidney Federation, representatives from the organisations outlined in paragraph 3.1 will attend the meeting to address any questions identified by the Scrutiny Board.

3.3 A separate report associated with Patient Transport Services is presented elsewhere on the agenda.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 That members of Scrutiny Board consider the information presented in this report (and attached appendices) and the details of the discussion at the meeting, and determine:

- 4.1.1 Any specific action the Board may wish to take;
- 4.1.2 Any recommendations the Board may wish to make;
- 4.1.3 Determine any matters that require further scrutiny.

5.0 Background Papers

None