



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 28 July 2009

Subject: Renal Services: Patient Transport Service

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 present the Scrutiny Board (Health) with a report from Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) on the current performance of its Patient Transport Service for renal patients.

3.0 Main Issues - Progress Towards Improvement Priorities

3.1 A report from Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) on the current performance of its Patient Transport Service for renal patients is attached (Appendix 1 – to follow). A representative from YAS will attend the meeting to address any questions identified by the Scrutiny Board.

3.2 A separate report associated with the provision of renal services (dialysis), particularly in terms of provision at Leeds General Infirmary, is presented elsewhere on the agenda.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 That members of Scrutiny Board consider the information presented in report from YAS 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