



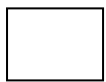
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 24 November 2009

Subject: Provision of Renal Services

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the Scrutiny Board (Health) with additional information to assist members to consider current proposals associated with the provision of renal services (dialysis) across the Trust, particularly in terms of provision at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI).
- 1.2 The report also presents the draft Yorkshire and The Humber Renal Strategy (2009 – 2014) for consideration and comment.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 As reported in July 2009, 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 LTHT. This included the reconfiguration of renal services, which saw St. James' Hospital become the main centre for inpatient renal services.
- 2.2 Since that time, the Scrutiny Board has considered the provision of renal services (particular dialysis services) and associated patient transport on several occasions.
- 2.3 Most recently, at its meeting on 28 July 2009, the Scrutiny Board was advised that, at its meeting on 30 July 2009, the LTHT Board would be presented with a recommendation that a renal dialysis unit should not be created at the LGI site. The Scrutiny Board took evidence from a range of stakeholders, including the service commissioners, LTHT, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and patient representatives from

the Kidney Patients Association (KPA) for LGI and St. James' University Hospital (SJUH).

- 2.4 Based on the Department of Health Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny for Health and the evidence presented at the meeting, the Scrutiny Board concluded that the proposed changes to renal dialysis provision represented a substantial variation to service delivery. As such, the Board recommended that a statutory period of consultation should take place prior to any decision of the (LTHT) Board. The Scrutiny Board produced a statement to this effect, which was subsequently presented to the LTHT Board meeting.
- 2.5 The Scrutiny Board's statement highlighted a number of outstanding issues the Scrutiny Board wished to pursue and, at its meeting on 30 July 2009, the LTHT Board agreed to defer its decision, pending further discussions with the Scrutiny Board.
- 2.6 The outstanding issues the Scrutiny Board wished to pursue were confirmed by way of a set of supplementary questions (Appendix 2), issued to LTHT and other key stakeholders on 6 August 2009.

3.0 Renal Services provision – additional information

- 3.1 A response from LTHT has now been received and is attached at Appendix 3 for the Board's consideration.
- 3.2 A range of key stakeholders have been invited to attend the meeting to address any additional questions and/or areas of clarification identified by the Scrutiny Board.

Draft Yorkshire and The Humber Renal Strategy (2009 – 2014)

- 3.3 The response from LTHT (attached at Appendix 3) makes reference to a draft Yorkshire and The Humber Renal Strategy (2009-2014). This, along with a covering letter from the Chair of the Renal Strategy Group, is attached at Appendix 4 for the Board's consideration.
- 3.4 Appropriate representatives from Specialised Commissioning Group (Yorkshire and The Humber) have been invited to attend the meeting to address any questions posed by the Scrutiny Board.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members of Scrutiny Board are asked to consider the information presented and determine any:
- 4.1.1 Specific action the Board may wish to take;
 - 4.1.2 Recommendations the Board may wish to make;
 - 4.1.3 Matters that require further scrutiny.

5.0 Background Papers

None