



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 15 December 2009

Subject: Provision of Renal Services – Draft Statement

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 a draft statement associated with the provision of renal services (dialysis) across the Trust, particularly in terms of provision at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI).

2.0 Background

2.1 The Scrutiny Board (Health) considered proposals to alter the planned provision of Renal services across Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust at its meeting on 28 July 2009. At that meeting 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).

2.2 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 affect, which was subsequently presented to the LTHT Board meeting.

2.3 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.

2.4 The outstanding issues the Scrutiny Board wished to pursue were confirmed by way of a set of supplementary questions, issued to LTHT and other key stakeholders on 6 August 2009. A response seeking to address the outstanding matters was presented and considered by the Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 24 November 2009.

2.5 The draft Yorkshire and The Humber Renal Strategy (2009-2014) was also presented for consideration at the meeting on 24 November 2009.

3.0 Scrutiny Board (Health) – statement

3.1 When considering the information presented on 24 November 2009, the Scrutiny Board (health) raised a number of concerns and agreed address these concerns to the Secretary of State for Health: This report presents the draft statement in this regard (to follow).

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Members of Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and amend/ agree the draft statement, as appropriate.

4.2 The Scrutiny Board is also asked to determine any specific action the Board may wish to take and/or any matters that may require further scrutiny.

5.0 Background Papers

- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Renal Services report – 28 July 2009
- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Renal Services report – 24 November 2009