



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 26 January 2010

**Subject: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Consultation:
Scrutiny Board Submission**

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's submission issued to LTHT in response to the consultation around the Trust's initial proposals to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

2.0 Background

2.1 NHS Foundation Trusts are a new type of organisation, they are not-for-profit, public benefit corporations: They remain part of the NHS and must meet national healthcare standards, and continue to provide services to patients on the basis of need and not ability to pay.

2.2 At its meeting in November 2009, the Scrutiny Board was formally advised that LTHT is in the process of developing its application for this important change. The Scrutiny Board was also informed that, under section 35(5) of the National Health Service Act 2006, LTHT is required by to undertake formal consultation with the staff, patients, the public and stakeholder bodies.

2.3 The Scrutiny Board was presented with a copy of LTHT's consultation document that set out the full range of issues involved in the Trust's application and was provided with an indicative timetable for the Trust to achieve Foundation Status. Details of the Trust's consultation plan were also presented.

2.4 Following a lengthy and detailed discussion with the Trust's Chief Nurse regarding the proposals, the Scrutiny Board requested that the Principal Scrutiny Adviser prepare a draft consultation response, summarising the comments made by the Scrutiny Board, for submission to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as part of the consultation process.

3.0 Foundation Trust – consultation response

3.1 At its meeting on 15 December 2009, the Scrutiny Board was advised that, due to other priorities, a formal consultation response had yet to be drafted: As the deadline for consultation responses was before the next meeting of the Board, it was agreed to circulate a summary of the Board's conclusions via email for Members approval.

3.2 An initial draft response was issued to members of the Scrutiny Board on 23 December 2009: A revised response was issued to LTHT as the Board's formal submission on 8 January 2010. This is attached at Appendix 1.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to formally endorse the consultation response submitted.

5.0 Background Papers

Your Hospitals, Yours Say: LTHT Consultation Document – October 2009
Scrutiny Board (Health): *Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Consultation* (24 November 2009)