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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 16 February 2010

Subject: Updated Work Programme 2009/10

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present and update members on the current activity across a number of work areas and present an outline work programme. The Board is asked to consider, amend and agree its work programme, as appropriate.

### 2.0 Background

2.1 At its meeting on 30 June 2009, the Board received a number of inputs to help members consider the Board's priorities during the current municipal year. This included specific inputs from:

- Executive Board Member for Adult Health and Social Care
- Deputy Director (Adult Social Services)
- NHS Leeds
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)
- Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust (LPFT)

2.2 At that meeting a number of potential work areas were identified by members of the Board. These potential areas were confirmed in a further report, along with an outline work programme, presented at the Board meeting held on 28 July 2009.

2.3 Subsequently, the outline work programme, including any emerging issues, is routinely presented to the Scrutiny Board for consideration, amendment and/or agreement: The work programme was most recently presented and agreed at the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 26 January 2010.

- 2.4 At that meeting, the Scrutiny Board received a comprehensive update against the main work areas currently under consideration, including:
- The role of the Council and its partners in promoting good public health – Scrutiny Inquiry
  - Renal services in Leeds
  - Provision of dermatology services at Ward 43 (Leeds General Infirmary (LGI))
  - Use of 0844 Numbers at GP Surgeries
  - Health Proposals Working Group
  - Children’s cardiac and neurosurgery services – national reviews
  - Openness in the NHS
- 2.5 The Scrutiny Board also considered the requirement for all providers of NHS services to publish Quality Accounts – an annual public report on the quality of health care services delivered. The Scrutiny Board agreed to include consideration of draft quality accounts as an extension to the recently established arrangements for reporting performance to the Board and incorporate this aspect within its work programme for the current year.
- 2.6 As such, arrangements are being progressed to present draft quality account statements in March 2010.

### **3.0 Work programme (2009/10)**

- 3.1 A revised outline work programme is presented at Appendix 1 for consideration.
- 3.2 Members will be aware that the outline work programme should be regarded as a ‘live’ document, which may evolve and change over time to reflect any in-year change in priorities and/or emerging issues.
- 3.3 As such, the Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the attached outline work programme for the remainder of the year and agree / amend as appropriate.

### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider the details presented in this report and agree / amend (as appropriate) the outline work programme presented at Appendix 1.

### **5.0 Background Documents**

Scrutiny Board (Health) – Updated Work programme (26 January 2010)