

Scrutiny Board (Health)
Work Programme 2009/10

Item	Description	Notes	Type of item
Meeting date – 16 February 2010			
Scrutiny Inquiry – promoting good public health	<p>Session 3: To consider issues associated with <i>promoting responsible alcohol consumption</i>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Council in terms of licensing policy and associated enforcement/ control procedures. • The role of the Council and its NHS health partners in developing and delivering an alcohol strategy that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raises general public awareness of the health risks associated with alcohol consumption. ○ Identifies and targets those groups most at risk from the affects of alcohol abuse, ensuring they have access to the most appropriate services and treatments. ○ Assesses the quality and effectiveness of services and treatments associated with reducing alcohol related harm. • The social responsibility role of breweries, retailers and licensees and how this shapes the consumption of alcohol in Leeds. 		B/RP

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Renal services in Leeds	To consider the responses to the Scrutiny Board's statement and specific recommendations.	Statement published – December 2009.	MSR
Provision of dermatology services	To consider further progress in developing future plans for delivery of the service.	Previously considered in November 2009.	PM
Quarterly Accountability Reports and update on local NHS priorities	To receive quarter 3 performance reports and consider an update on the previously identified priorities for each local NHS Trust.	Updates from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Leeds • Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust • Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust 	PM
Quality Accounts	To consider draft quality account submissions	Added to work programme in January 2010.	PM
Recommendation Tracking	To monitor progress against the recommendations agreed following previous Scrutiny Board inquiries.		MSR

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Meeting date – 27 April 2010			
Scrutiny Inquiry – promoting good public health	To agree the Board's final inquiry report.	Timing to be confirmed	
Annual Report	To agree the Board's contribution to the annual scrutiny report		

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Working Groups			
Working group	Membership	Progress update	Dates
Health Proposals Working Group	<i>All Scrutiny Board members. Core membership of Cllr. Dobson and Cllr. Chapman</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group re-established and terms of reference agreed. • Membership established • First meeting held on 3 December 2009 	<i>3 December 2009</i>
Supporting working age adults with severe and enduring mental health problems		<p>This inquiry is being undertaken by the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) with nominated representatives from Scrutiny Board (Health)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group re-established and terms of reference agreed. • Membership established • Initial meeting dates arranged 	<i>19 October 2009 15 December 2009</i>
Scrutiny Inquiry – promoting good public health	<i>All Scrutiny Board members</i>	Proposed working group to consider issues around smoking and any other outstanding matters associated with the inquiry and identified by the Scrutiny Board	<i>To be agreed</i>

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Foundation Trust Status	To consider the outcome of the recent consultation exercise, including the key messages and any emerging issues.	To include the 'next steps' and anticipated costs associated with administering any new arrangements. Added to work programme in January 2010. Timing to be confirmed
Use of 0844 Numbers at GP Surgeries	To consider the impact of the recent Government guidance on local GP practices and any implications for patients.	Various correspondence exchanged and clarification sought. The Board to maintain a watching brief and kept up-to-date with any developments
Openness in the NHS	To consider how the Department of Health guidance is interpreted and implemented locally.	An outline of the approach adopted by the local NHS Trusts requested. Responses from NHS Leeds and LPFT received. Reply from LTHT awaited.

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Children's Cardiac Surgery Services	To contribute to the national review and consider any local implications.	First newsletter published (August 2009) National stakeholder event held 22 October 2009. Draft clinical standards issued for consultation. Clarification sought on local involvement and engagement activity.
Children's Neurosurgery Services	To contribute to the national review and consider any local implications.	First bulletin published (September 2009) National stakeholder event held 30 November 2009. Clarification sought on local involvement and engagement activity.
Narrowing the Gap	To consider the impact of the 'Narrowing the Gap' initiative, in terms of improving healthy outcomes.	Added to the work programme: December 2009

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Primary Care Service Development and use of the Capital Estate	In the light of NHS Leeds' decisions to withdraw from projects in Kirkstall and Holt Park, to consider the PCT's longer-term strategy for developing services through its capital estate.	Added to the work programme: December 2009
Health Scrutiny – Department of Health Guidance	To receive and consider revised guidance associated with health scrutiny and any implications for local practice.	Guidance was due to be published in November 2009. Indications are that this is likely to be delayed. No firm publication dates are yet available.
Specialised commissioning arrangements	To consider the current arrangements for specialised commissioning within the region and the role of scrutiny.	The planned Department of Health (DoH) consultation on developing / strengthening Health Scrutiny may have an impact.
Hospital Discharges	To consider a follow up report on progress against the recommendations (i.e. 15, 16 and 17) detailed in the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice inspection report	Consider report in September/ October 2009.
Out of Area Treatments (Mental Health)	To consider the report prepared by Leeds Hospital Alert and the response from LPFT.	Leeds Hospital Alert report received 1 July 2009. Response from LPFT requested on 1 July 2009.

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