



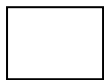
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 16 March 2010

Subject: Renal Services in Leeds: Response to the Scrutiny Board's statement and recommendations

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 responses to statement and recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (Health) – agreed in December 2009, associated with the provision of renal services (dialysis) in Leeds, 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 highlighted a number of outstanding issues to be pursued 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. The draft Yorkshire and The Humber Renal Strategy (2009-2014) was also presented for consideration at that meeting. When considering the additional information, the Scrutiny Board (Health) raised a number of concerns and agreed to address these concerns to the Secretary of State for Health.
- 2.5 At its meeting on 15 December 2009, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed its statement '*Renal Services in Leeds*', which was subsequently issued to the Secretary of State for Health and all relevant local NHS organisations for response and/or comment. The statement was also distributed to a wide range of stakeholders, including the Chair's of all other Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees across the Yorkshire and Humber region.

3.0 Renal Services in Leeds – response to recommendations

- 3.1 Responses and comments on the Board's statement and recommendations have now been received from all relevant NHS organisations: These are presented in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Representatives from the following NHS organisations have been invited to attend the meeting and address any further questions from the Board:
- NHS Yorkshire and the Humber;
 - NHS Leeds;
 - Yorkshire and the Humber Specialised Commissioning Group;
 - Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

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
- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Renal Services report – 15 December 2009
- Renal Services in Leeds – Scrutiny Board statement (December 2009)