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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 25 May 2010

Subject: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Status: Progress Update

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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 of this Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an updated position regarding Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) 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 was 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 was 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. Details of the Trust's consultation plan were also presented.

- 2.4 Following a lengthy and detailed discussion a draft consultation response was prepared, summarising the comments made by the Scrutiny Board. This was subsequently submitted to LTHT on 8 January 2010, and formally endorsed by the Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 26 January 2010. for submission to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as part of the consultation process.
- 2.5 At its meeting on 26 January 2010, the Scrutiny Board also made a request for LTHT to attend a future meeting to report on the outcome of the consultation process and provide an outline of the next steps. The Scrutiny Board also requested details of the expected running costs associated with future arrangements.

### **3.0 Foundation Trust – consultation outcome**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 18 March 2010, LTHT Board received a report that summarised the Trust's formal public consultation activity and the responses it generated. As a result of the consultation responses received, that report also set out:
- suggested changes to the original proposals; and,
  - Identified next steps and some further actions required around public, staff and stakeholder engagement.
- 3.2 The report presented to the LTHT Board is attached at Appendix 1. The proposed changes (as set out in Appendix 1) were agreed by the LTHT Board at its meeting on 18 March 2010.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to consider the information presented in the report and identify any areas that merit further scrutiny.

### **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)  
Scrutiny Board (Health): *Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Consultation: Scrutiny Board Response* (26 January 2010)