



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 21 September 2010

Subject: Updated Work Programme 2010/11

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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 meetings on 25 June 2010 and 27 July 2010, 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 – Chair and Chief Executive
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) – Chair and Chief Executive
- Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust (LPFT) – Chair and Chief Executive
- Leeds Director of Public Health

2.2 At those meetings a number of potential work areas were identified by members of the Board and are confirmed in the outline work programme attached at Appendix 1.

2.3 As in previous years, the outline work programme, including any emerging issues, will continue to be routinely presented to the Scrutiny Board for consideration, amendment and/or agreement. The work programme was previously presented and agreed at the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 27 July 2010.

3.0 Update on specific work areas and associated activity

3.1 This section of the report seeks to provide a more detailed update on specific activities and elements of the Board's work programme.

Health Service Developments Working Group

3.2 At the Board meeting on 27 July 2010, to help the Scrutiny Board maintain a focus on changes and/or developments of local health services, while maintaining the Board's capacity to undertake other work, the Scrutiny Board established a Health Service Developments Working Group to:

- Consider, at an early stage, proposals for service changes and/or developments of local health services, including:
 - Whether or not the relevant Trust's plans for patient and public engagement and involvement seem satisfactory¹; and,
 - Whether the proposal is in the interests of the local health service.
- Consider the significance of any proposed service changes and/or developments, alongside the associated levels of patient and public engagement and involvement.
- Maintain an overview and on-going involvement in current service change proposals and associated patient and public engagement and involvement activity, including details of any stakeholder feedback and how this is being used to shape the proposals.
- Refer any matters of significant concern to the Scrutiny Board (Health) for detailed and specific consideration.

3.3 This working group is scheduled to hold its first meeting on 14 September 2010. As such, there is no information currently available for distribution with this report: However, a summary of the outcome and proposed recommendations will be presented at the meeting for consideration.

Children's cardiac surgery services – national review

3.4 In September 2009, members of the Scrutiny Board were made aware of a national review of Children's Cardiac Surgery Services currently being undertaken and in October 2009 the Board was advised of the proposed timescales.

3.5 The Scrutiny Board (Health) received a further update on progress at its meeting in January 2010, with the review being identified and maintained as an unscheduled item since that time.

3.6 More recently, in August 2010 the National Specialised Commissioning Team (NSCT) – responsible for leading the national review – issued a further briefing note, attached at Appendix 2. This briefing note summarises current progress and outlines the next stages of the review, which currently allows for a 3-month consultation period – once the recommendations for change are published in October 2010.

¹ This early engagement with Scrutiny will help the Working Group to discuss and agree the proposed degree of variation, prior to the commencement of any patient and public engagement and involvement activity.

3.7 Members of the Board are reminded that Children's Cardiac Surgery Services are currently provided by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT). Currently, LTHT is the only Trust to provide such services across the Yorkshire and Humber region; therefore any recommendations for change and/or reconfiguration of services are likely to have an impact both in Leeds and across the region.

3.8 Once the recommendations are published in October 2010, in common with other Overview and Scrutiny Committees across the region, the Board will be asked to consider whether or not it considers the proposals to be 'substantial'. As such, this may result in some joint scrutiny arrangements being established to consider the proposals in more detail.

4.0 Work programme (2009/10)

4.1 For information, the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held on 25 August 2010 are attached at Appendix 3. In addition, in recognition of the complementary role that Leeds Local Involvement Network (LINK) can play in reviewing the planning and delivery of local health (and social care) services, the current LINK work programme is attached at Appendix 4.

4.2 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the content of both Appendix 3 and 4, within the context of making any adjustments to its work programme.

4.3 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. As such, the Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the attached outline work programme (presented at Appendix 1) and agree / amend as appropriate.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 Members are asked to consider the details presented in this report and:

5.1.1 Note the information presented at the meeting from the Health Service Developments Working Group and consider/ agree the proposed level of engagement activity in relation to the identified service areas.

5.1.2 Note the updated information presented in terms of the Children's Cardiac Surgery Services review and determine any further activity at this stage;

5.1.3 Consider the outline work programme attached at Appendix 1 and agree / amend as appropriate,

6.0 Background Documents

- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work programme (25 June 2010)
- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work programme (27 July 2010)