



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 26 October 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 were subsequently confirmed in an outline work programme. However, members will be aware that the 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.

2.3 As such, and as in previous years, the 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 most recently presented and agreed at the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 21 September 2010, and an updated version is now presented at Appendix 1 for consideration.

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.

NHS White Paper – *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*

3.2 The Scrutiny Board has considered the NHS White Paper (and its supporting consultation papers) published in July 2010. At the previous meeting, the Board agreed to submit a response to the proposals – specifically those outlined in the consultation paper around *Democratic Legitimacy in Health*. For information, details of the submitted response are presented at Appendix 2.

3.3 The Government has given a commitment to publish a response to the views raised on the White paper and associated papers, prior to the introduction of a Health Bill, expected later in the year.

3.4 As previously reported, a separate consultation paper around Public Health is expected in December 2010. It is expected that this will include proposals for the creation of a National Public Health Service and around the future role of local authorities in public health and health improvement.

Health Service Developments Working Group

3.5 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.

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.

3.6 As reported at the previous meeting, the working group held its first meeting on 14 September 2010, where the following proposed service changes / development and the associated levels of patient and public involvement were discussed.

- Community Ophthalmology – level 3 (significant change)
- Community ENT Services – level 2 (minor change)
- Community Dental Services – level 3 (significant change)
- Community Dermatology Services – level 3 (significant change)
- Community Urology Services – level 3 (significant change)
- Stroke Care Services – level 2 (minor change)
- Reconfiguration of Community Intermediate Care – level 3 (significant change)
- Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review – level 3 (significant change)
- Community Neurology Services – level 3 (significant change)

3.7 While these areas were verbally reported and subsequently agreed at the previous Scrutiny Board meeting, the minutes from the working group meeting held on 14 September 2010, are presented at Appendix 3 for information. **[Please note that Appendix 3 is to follow].**

Children's cardiac surgery services – national review

3.8 At the previous meeting, held on 21 September 2010, members of the Scrutiny Board received a progress update around the national review of Children's Cardiac Surgery Services and the associated timescales. At that time, it was envisaged that proposals/ recommendations from the review would be issued for consultation during October 2010. However, since that time, it has been reported that, as a result of additional information becoming available, the proposals/ recommendations will be delayed and are unlikely to be available until January 2011.

3.9 A summary of the additional information and the associated implications (as available on the National Specialised Commissioning Team website) is presented at Appendix 4 for information.

3.10 As previously reported, once the recommendations are published in the new year, 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'. If two or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees deem the proposals to be 'substantial', this will mostly likely result in a joint scrutiny approach in line with the previously agreed regional health scrutiny protocol.

Other matters

3.11 For information, the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held on 25 August 2010 are attached at Appendix 5.

3.12 In addition, at the previous meeting on 21 September 2010, in recognition of the complementary role that Leeds Local Involvement Network (LINK) can play in reviewing the planning and delivery of local health services, the Scrutiny Board was presented with the LINK work programme. This remains the most up-to-date information available from Leeds LINK and as such it is represented at Appendix 6, for information.

4.0 Work programme (2009/10)

- 4.1 Members will be aware that the Scrutiny Board's work programme should be regarded as a 'live' document, which may evolve and change to reflect any in-year change in priorities and/or emerging issues. As such, in the context of the information presented in this report, the Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the current work programme (Appendix 1) and agree / amend as appropriate.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the details presented in this report and to agree / amend the current work programme, as appropriate.

6.0 Background Documents

- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work programme (25 June 2010)
- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work programme (21 September 2010)
- Protocol for the Yorkshire and the Humber Councils Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (agreed in November 2009)
- Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS (and supporting consultation papers) – July 2010