



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 23 November 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 26 October 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 An update on local development of the proposals set out in the White Paper is included elsewhere on the agenda.
- 3.3 A separate consultation paper around Public Health is expected in December 2010. It is anticipated 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.

Children's cardiac surgery services – national review

- 3.4 As reported at the Board's previous meeting on 26 October 2010, the proposals/ recommendations from the review will be delayed and are unlikely to be available until January 2011.
- 3.5 NHS Specialised Services has issued a formal progress update, which attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.6 In anticipation of the publication of the review recommendations/ proposals, it is proposed that, at its meeting in December, the Board will be asked to consider whether or not it considers the proposals are likely to represent a 'substantial' variation of service. As previously reported, if two or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees from across the region deem the proposals to be 'substantial', this will result in a joint approach in line with the previously agreed regional joint health scrutiny protocol.

Other matters

- 3.7 For information, the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held on 3 November 2010 are attached at Appendix 3.

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)