

Scrutiny Board (Health)
Work Programme 2010 /11

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Meeting date – November 2010			
Leeds Community Health Services	To consider the issues raised by a UNISON deputation at the Full Council meeting on 15 September 2010, alongside current proposals from NHS Leeds regarding potential future delivery models.	UNISON to be invited to present concerns. NHS Leeds to report on current position and future timetable.	RP
Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS	To consider any progress in developing local mechanisms to address some of the key features of the proposed NHS reforms.	Input from key local stakeholders.	B
Vascular Services Review – consultation on proposals	To consider proposals to vary the delivery of Vascular Services across the Yorkshire and the Humber and the likely impact on service users in Leeds.	NHS Leeds to outline local implications	SC
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Economic & Social Cost of Alcohol in Leeds	To consider the research report aimed at estimating the economic and social costs of alcohol-related harm in Leeds.	Research undertaken / report produced by Liverpool John Moores University	
Healthier Communities	To consider the outcome of the recent peer review and the associated actions/ improvement plan.	Process for publication to be confirmed. Member of the peer review team to be invited to present the report.	PM

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Quarterly Accountability Reports	To receive quarter 2 performance reports		PM
Recommendation Tracking	To monitor progress against the recommendations agreed following previous Scrutiny Board inquiries.	To include any detailed responses in relation to the previous scrutiny inquiries around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirkstall Joint Service Centre; and, • Promoting good public health. 	MSR
Meeting date – January 2011			
Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS	To consider an overall update on the proposed NHS reforms, alongside the governments response to the issues raised as part of the consultation process.	Subject to publication of the government's response.	B
Public Health consultation / proposals	To consider government proposals regarding the delivery of Public Health Services.	Publication date to be confirmed	B
Children's Cardiac Surgery Services – National Review	To consider the recommendations arising from the national review and determine the significance of the proposals.	Precise publication date of the recommendations is to be confirmed.	SC

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Meeting date – February 2011			
Meeting date – March 2011			
Quality Accounts	To consider draft quality account submissions for 2010/11		PM
Quarterly Accountability Reports	To receive quarter 3 performance reports		PM
Recommendation Tracking	To monitor progress against the recommendations agreed following previous Scrutiny Board inquiries.		MSR
Meeting date – April 2011			
Annual Report	To agree the Board's contribution to the annual scrutiny report		

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Working Groups			
Working group	Membership	Progress update	Dates
Health Service Developments Working Group	All Board members (subject to availability)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group established in July 2010 Working group meeting held on 14 September 2010 Next meeting scheduled for 14 December 2010 	14 Sept. 2010
Liberating the NHS Working Group	Open to all members of the Board, but with core membership of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. Dobson Cllr. Harrand A. Giles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established in July 2010 to consider the proposals contained in the White Paper 'Equality and excellence: Liberating the NHS', alongside the subsequent and supporting consultation documents. Meeting with Leeds Local Medical Committee held on 8 October 2010. 	<i>TBC</i>

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Narrowing the Gap	To consider the impact of the 'Narrowing the Gap' initiative, in terms of improving healthy outcomes.	Added to the work programme: December 2009, but no formal consideration of issue in 2009/10. Highlighted as an area to consider in July 2010.
Children's Cardiac Surgery Services	To contribute to the national review and consider any local implications.	First newsletter published (August 2009) National stakeholder event held 22 October 2009. Local (regional) involvement event to be held on 17 June 2010. Briefing note produced by National Specialised Commissioning Team (NSCT) published in August 2010. Discussions around forming a series of joint health scrutiny committee to consider the proposals are on-going.

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Children's Neurosurgery Services	To contribute to the national review and consider any local implications.	<p>Carried over from 2009/10.</p> <p>First bulletin published (September 2009)</p> <p>National stakeholder event held 30 November 2009.</p> <p>Newsletter issued in April 2010.</p> <p>Local involvement likely to be towards the end of 2010.</p>	
Foundation Trust Status	To consider LTHT's progress against its aspiration of attaining Foundation Trust status.	<p>Carried over from 2009/10.</p> <p>Initial and subsequently revised proposals considered in 2009/10.</p> <p>Details regarding anticipated changes in costs to support proposed new governance arrangements requested in May 2010</p>	
Primary Care Service Development and use of the Capital Estate	To consider the NHS Leeds' longer-term strategy for developing/ delivering services through its capital estate.	<p>Added to the work programme in December 2009, but no formal consideration of issue in 2009/10.</p> <p>It may be more appropriate to consider this matter across the whole local health economy.</p>	

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Health Scrutiny – Department of Health Guidance	To receive and consider revised guidance associated with health scrutiny and any implications for local practice.	Carried over from 2009/10. Revised guidance was due to be published in November 2009, but was subsequently delayed until after the general election. No firm publication date is yet available and may be superseded by the details and any subsequent legislation and regulations arising from the White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS
Specialised commissioning arrangements	To consider the current arrangements for specialised commissioning within the region and the role of scrutiny.	Carried over from 2009/10. No formal consideration of issue in 2009/10. Regional work with other local authorities is on-going. The next regional member network meeting is to be confirmed.
Openness in the NHS	To consider how the Department of Health guidance is interpreted and implemented locally.	Carried over from 2009/10. No formal consideration of the issue in 2009/10 and may be better linked with any detailed consideration of the White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS

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Dermatology Services	To consider proposals for the delivery of dermatology services.	Follow up to the issues considered in 2009/10. Added to work programme in July 2010.
Hospital Discharges	To consider a follow up report on progress against the recommendations (i.e. 15, 16 and 17) detailed in the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice inspection report	Identified as potential issue for 2009/10 but insufficient capacity to consider the issue. Highlighted as a potential area for scrutiny by the Executive Board member in June 2010.
Out of Area Treatments (Mental Health)	To consider the report prepared by Leeds Hospital Alert and the response from LPFT.	Leeds Hospital Alert report received 1 July 2009. Responses received from LPFT in July 2009. No formal consideration of issue in 2009/10. Carried over from 2009/10.

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Use of 0844 Numbers at GP Surgeries	To consider the impact of the recent Government guidance on local GP practices and any implications for patients.	<p>Carried over from 2009/10.</p> <p>Various correspondence exchanged and clarification sought.</p> <p>The Board to maintain a watching brief and kept up-to-date with any developments.</p> <p>No formal consideration of issue in 2009/10.</p>

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