



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 25 January 2011

Subject: Economic and Social Cost of Alcohol in Leeds 2008/09

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 introduce and present a report, commissioned by NHS Leeds, which estimates the wider economic and social costs of alcohol-related harm in Leeds. The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for the Scrutiny Board (Health) to understand the national and local implications of the Government's proposed public health reforms. It also provides an opportunity for the Board to comment on such proposals.

2.0 Background

2.1 Alcohol plays an important role in society, being consumed by the majority of adults and making an important contribution to the economy. However, the consumption of alcohol has health and social consequences borne both by individuals and their families, and by the wider community - the cost of alcohol in Leeds to the NHS alone has been estimated to be in excess of £20 million per year.

3.0 Health Lives, Health People proposals

3.1 The research report, commissioned by NHS Leeds, and produced by Liverpool John Moores University, is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 Representatives from NHS Leeds have been invited to outline the report and implications for the City.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Members are asked to consider and note the details and issues highlighted by this report and appendices, and identify any issues that warrant further scrutiny.

5.0 Background Documents

- None