



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 25 January 2011

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 December 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 A separate item summarising current progress against the proposals has been included elsewhere on the agenda.

NHS White Paper – *Healthy Lives, Healthy People*

3.3 A separate item summarising the proposals and the consultation questions posed has been included elsewhere on the agenda.

Children's Cardiac Surgery Services – national review

3.4 A meeting of the regional Health Scrutiny Member Network took place on 12 January 2011. At that meeting, Members were presented an update on progress of the review and informed that the review outcomes/ recommendations are expected to be published in February 2011 and subject to consultation until June 2011.

3.5 It is currently proposed that the recommendations will be considered by a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, made up of representatives from the regions Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Precise details of the membership of the joint committee are still to be finalised.

Quality Accounts (2010/11)

3.6 Quality Accounts are annual reports to the public from providers of NHS healthcare about the quality of services they deliver. The primary purpose of Quality Accounts is to encourage boards and leaders of healthcare organisations to assess quality across all of the healthcare services they offer. It allows leaders, clinicians, governors and staff to demonstrate their commitment to continuous, evidence-based quality improvement, and to explain their progress to the public.

3.7 As part of the process for producing Quality Accounts, appropriate Overview and scrutiny Committees must be provided with an opportunity to comment on their contents. Consideration of Quality Accounts (2010/11) is identified on the work programme for consideration in April 2011. However, it is proposed to present a report to the Board at its next meeting (February 2011) to consider options available to ensure the timely input into finalising the Quality Accounts for various organisations across the City.

Health service Developments Working Group

3.8 The most recent meeting of the working group took place on 14 December 2010. A summary of the outcome of discussions will be presented to the Board at the meeting 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 and discussed at the meeting, 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 (June 2010)
- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work programme (December 2010)