



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 22 March 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 25 January 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 proposed reforms

- 3.2 The Board has considered the proposed NHS reforms – both in general terms and specifically around public health – on a number of occasions. This has included proposals to establish GP consortia, Health and Wellbeing Boards and the transfer of Public Health responsibilities to local councils.
- 3.3 While the draft Health and Social Care Bill makes its way through Parliament and the precise detail is still to be confirmed, representatives from the major NHS organisations across the City will be attending the Board (elsewhere on the agenda) to outline the NHS Operating Framework 2011/12 and the specific implications for the organisation and the City.

Children's Congenital Cardiac Services – national review

- 3.4 As previously reported, the proposals / recommendations issued for consultation will be considered by a regional Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC). This will be made up of representatives from other Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees across the Yorkshire and the Humber region.
- 3.5 The Joint HOSC's first meeting is scheduled for 14 March 2011, details of which will be reported at the meeting.

Inquiry into Teenage Conception

- 3.6 Following the Scrutiny Board's decision to undertake some joint scrutiny with Scrutiny Board (Children's Services), an initial working group meeting to help scope this work has been scheduled for 20 April 2011. Precise attendance from members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) is still to be confirmed.

Health Service Developments Working Group

- 3.7 As reported at the previous meeting, the Health Service Developments Working Group, scheduled for 15 February 2011 was postponed. A further meeting of the working group is still to be arranged.

Dermatology Services

- 3.8 Members of the Board will be aware of the ongoing concerns of members of the Leeds Dermatology Patients Panel (LDPP) regarding changes to both in-patient and out-patient services.
- 3.9 At a recent meeting between the Chair and representatives of the LDPP, it was agreed to invite Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to the April meeting of the

Board to discuss its plans for dermatology services and the concerns expressed by the LDPP.

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. Nonetheless, when considering additions and/or other amendments to the work programme, members of the Board as advised to consider the relative priority of any additional areas and reflect on the capacity for undertaking any additional work.

4.2 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 consider the details presented in this report (and supporting appendices) 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 (February 2011)