

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care)

Date: 25 January 2012

Subject: Urgent Care Services – consultation

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. The purpose of the report is to present the consultation document associated with the provision of Urgent Care services in Leeds, attached at Appendix 1.

Health Service Developments Working Group

2. At the recent Health Service Developments Working Group (HSDWG) meeting on 9 January 2012, it was confirmed that the proposals represented a Level 4 (major/substantial) service changes. As such, the Scrutiny Board is required to be consulted on the proposals and provided with an opportunity formally respond.
3. Representatives from NHS Leeds have been invited to attend the meeting to outline the options (set out in the attached consultation document) and address any queries raised by the Board. This provides the Scrutiny Board with the opportunity to explore any identified issues in more detail and formulate a consultation response, as appropriate.

Public consultation

4. NHS Leeds is seeking views on the options detailed in the consultation document. The public consultation is running for 14 weeks from 5 December 2011 and **closes on 4 March 2012**. The 14-week consultation period is more than the statutorily required 12-week consultation period. The Trust Board will make a decision on the future provision of urgent care services after this date and following analysis of the consultation response.

Recommendations

5. To consider the information presented and identify any specific matters that should form the basis of a consultation response and determine any additional scrutiny activity that may be required.

Background documents

- Health Service Developments Working Group – horizon scanning November 2011 and January 2012