

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 29 February 2012

Subject: Work Schedule – February 2012

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. In July 2011, the Board identified the following priority areas for inclusion in its work schedule during the current municipal year:
 - Reducing smoking in the over 18s (as detailed in the Board's Terms of Reference agreed by Council);
 - Service Change and Commissioning in Adult Social Care (as detailed in the Board's Terms of Reference agreed by Council);
 - Reducing avoidable admissions to hospital and care homes (as detailed in the Board's Terms of Reference agreed by Council);
 - The transformation of Health and Social Care Services (as detailed in the Board's Terms of Reference agreed by Council);
 - Consultation (across adult social care and health);
 - Health inequalities; and,
 - Leeds Crisis Centre (follow-up on the work from the previous Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board).

2. These were presented as a draft work schedule at the to the September meeting of the Scrutiny Board. **An updated work schedule is attached as Appendix 1.** This should be considered as a live document and may be subject to change, to reflect any changing and/or emerging priorities identified by the Scrutiny Board. As such, it should be noted that the work schedule is likely to be subject to change throughout the municipal year.

3. The **minutes from the Executive Board meeting held on 10 February 2012** are attached at **Appendix 2.**

4. Attached at **Appendix 3 is the Council's current Forward Plan (1 February 2012 – 31 May 2012)** relating to the Board's portfolio and terms of reference.
5. A summary of each of the main areas of inquiry detailed on the work schedule are presented below:

Reducing smoking

6. The draft Leeds Tobacco Action Plan was presented and discussed by the Scrutiny Board at its previous meeting on 25 January 2012. A summary of the discussion is detailed in the minutes from that meeting (presented elsewhere on the agenda) and a draft report will be presented to a future Scrutiny Board meeting for agreement.

Service Change and Commissioning in Adult Social Care and Reducing avoidable admissions to hospital and care homes

7. A series of reports that consider the integration of health and social care services are presented elsewhere on the agenda. Any further and/or more detailed consideration of specific matters will be determined by the Scrutiny Board.
8. Other activity in the area includes general input into the Health Service Developments Working Group, where matters detailed on the Council's forward plan are included as part of the horizon scanning of future service changes/ developments.

The transformation of Health and Social Care Services

9. An update on the work of the Transformation Board and associated projects / work streams that are coordinated by NHS Leeds is presented elsewhere on the agenda. Further and/or more detailed consideration of any specific matters will be determined by the Scrutiny Board.

Scrutiny Board inquiry: Consultation

10. The Board held its second (and final) session associated with this inquiry at its December 2011 meeting. The Board's draft report and any associated recommendations will be presented to a future meeting.

Scrutiny Board inquiry: Health inequalities

11. Health inequalities was identified as a specific work area at the Board's meeting in July 2011. To date, the Board has considered the development and production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), in addition to some of the data sets available as a result. The Scrutiny Board specifically considered details associated with two specific Medium Super Output Areas (MSOAs) from the City to help highlight and demonstrate the inequalities that exist across the City.
12. It should be noted that draft action plans from the Health and Wellbeing City Priority Plan (2011-15) were presented (for information) to the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 26 January 2012. The draft action plans focus on delivering the following strategic priorities:
 - Help protect people from the harmful effects of tobacco
 - Support more people to live safely in their own homes

- Give people choice and control over their health and social care services
 - Make sure the people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest
13. The priority 'Make sure the people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest' essentially relates to addressing health inequalities across the City. Within this priority area, the following priority actions are outlined with a range of supporting activities:
- Minimise the impact of poverty on health of under 5s
 - Action on housing, transport and environment to improve health and wellbeing
 - Support people back into work and to healthy employment
 - Increase advice and support to minimise debt and maximise income
 - Ensure equitable access to services that prevent and reduce ill-health
14. The draft action plan for each of the priority areas is presented at Appendix 4 for information. These will usefully inform a series of working group meetings that are currently being arranged at different locations across the City.

Leeds Crisis Centre (follow-up on the work from the previous Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board)

15. As agreed at the October 2011 meeting, in lieu of an inquiry into the impact of the closure of the Crisis Centre, the Director of Adult Social Care has been asked to submit a monitoring report to the Scrutiny Board. This report is presented elsewhere on the agenda.

Health Service Developments Working Group

16. In July 2011, the Scrutiny Board established a working group to consider proposed NHS service changes and/or developments and the required level of public engagement and involvement, alongside progress and implementation of agreed developments.
17. The most recent working group meetings were held on 7 November 2011 and 9 January 2012. Draft notes from the 7 November 2011 meeting are attached at Appendix 5.

Request for Scrutiny: Arrangements for meeting needs of blind and visually impaired people in Leeds

18. Following the request for scrutiny received and considered at the October 2011 meeting, a site visit to Fairfax House took place on 9 December 2011 and a working group meeting took place on 16 January 2012. The findings of the working group, along with a series of recommendations were agreed by the Scrutiny Board at its previous meeting (25 January 2012) and presented to the Executive Board on 10 February 2012.
19. The minutes from that Executive Board meeting are attached at Appendix 2 to this report and minute 187 specifically relates to this matter.

Recommendations

20. To consider the information presented in this report and supporting appendices, in order to amend and/or agree the work schedule detailed at Appendix 1.

Background documents

- None used