

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

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

**Date: 21 March 2012**

**Subject: Work Schedule – March 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
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**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 7 March 2012** are attached at **Appendix 2.**

4. Attached at **Appendix 3 is the Council's current Forward Plan (1 March 2012 – 30 June 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 was detailed in the minutes presented to the previous Scrutiny Board meeting. 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 about the integration of health and social care services were considered at the Scrutiny Board meeting in February 2012. A summary of the discussion is detailed in the minutes of that meeting, presented elsewhere on the agenda. These will be used to draft a report on behalf of the Board, which will be presented to a future Scrutiny Board meeting for agreement.
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 was presented and considered at the Scrutiny Board meeting in February 2012. A further report has been requested from the April Board meeting, detailing the efficiencies generated and re-investment in services resulting from the transformation projects.
10. The Scrutiny Board may wish to consider incorporating this aspect of its work into the report on Service Change and Commissioning in Adult Social Care and Reducing avoidable admissions to hospital and care homes (referred to above).

#### Scrutiny Board inquiry: Consultation

11. 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

12. 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.

13. 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
14. 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
15. The above priority areas are being used to provide the focus for a series of working group meetings to deliver this aspect of the Scrutiny Board's work. At the time of the Board meeting, working group meetings will have taken place covering the following areas:
- Minimise the impact of poverty on health of under 5s
  - Action on housing, transport and environment to improve health and wellbeing
16. It is hoped to present specific health inequalities information associated with Looked After Children elsewhere on the Board's agenda, and feedback on the above areas will also be provided at the Board meeting. It should be noted that further working group meetings are still to be arranged.

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

17. 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 was asked to submit a monitoring report to the Scrutiny Board. This was considered at the previous Scrutiny Board meeting, with a further 6-month progress report requested.

Health Service Developments Working Group

18. 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.

19. The working group meeting scheduled for 5 March 2012 was postponed, however updated schedules have been distributed to members of the Board for information. As such, the most recent working group meeting was held on 9 January 2012. Draft notes from the 9 January 2012 meeting will be available at the meeting.

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

20. 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.
21. Follow-up to this aspect of the Board's work will be scheduled for the new municipal year. It should be noted that in the event of any significant changes to the scrutiny arrangements for the new municipal year, both in terms of membership and remit, this may be subject to discussion and agreement with the relevant Scrutiny Board.

**Recommendations**

22. 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