

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

**Report to the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 25 July 2012**

**Subject: Work Schedule**

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

**1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the forthcoming municipal year.

**2 Main issues**

2.1 At its previous meeting on 27 June 2012, the Scrutiny Board considered a range of information and contributions around its work schedule for the year 2012/13. A range of potential topic areas were identified, including:

- Provision for Mental Health and Wellbeing across the City and the role of the third sector;
- Quality of provision – nursing and residential care for older people;
- Development of a longer-term accommodation strategy for older people;
- Integration of health and social care services;
- Leeds Dementia Strategy (considered elsewhere on the agenda);
- Combating loneliness in Leeds (considered elsewhere on the agenda);
- Health and Wellbeing Board development in Leeds;
- Development of local HealthWatch;
- Transition of Public Health into the Council;
- Public Health considerations within Leeds Local Development Framework.

2.2 A provisional outline work schedule is currently being produced and will be made available ahead of the meeting. This is likely to be subject to on going discussions with the Scrutiny Board and is also likely to change throughout the municipal year, to reflect the Board's priorities.

- 2.3 Attached as Appendix 1 and 2 respectively are the latest minutes of Executive Board and the Council's current Forward Plan (1 August 2012 – 30 November 2012).

#### Local Authority Health Scrutiny - Consultation

- 2.4 The Department of Health has recently launched a public consultation on proposed changes to how local authorities exercise health scrutiny functions. The amendments are intended to strengthen accountability of NHS services and support effective service change.
- 2.5 The consultation documents is attached at Appendix 3 for members information and the consultation period runs until **7 September** 2012. Details of how to respond are set on in the consultation document and an on-line version of the consultation can be found at [http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/public-patient-engagement-experience/http-consultations-dh-gov-uk-ppe-local-authority/consult\\_view](http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/public-patient-engagement-experience/http-consultations-dh-gov-uk-ppe-local-authority/consult_view)
- 2.6 The eight-week public consultation seeks views on the content of the planned regulations, but does not outline a draft version of the new regulations. Rather, the consultation is seeking views and comments on what the content of those regulations should be.
- 2.7 The proposals set out in the consultation document are drawn from a series of engagement, testing and other design processes, which have taken place since publication of *Equity and excellence: liberating the NHS* (July 2010) and passage through Parliament of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The results of this public consultation will be summarised into a report from the Department of Health, which will in turn inform the regulations and associated guidance for local authority health scrutiny, ready for their statutory introduction from April 2013.
- 2.8 Clearly, the consultation provides an opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to influence the regulations that will guide its future work and scrutiny of local NHS bodies. As such, the Scrutiny Board is asked to consider how best to respond to this consultation.

### **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 Members are asked to:
- (a) Note the Executive Board minutes and current Forward Plan (1 August 2012 – 30 November 2012);
  - (b) Agree the Scrutiny Board's outline work schedule, subject to the discussion and any associated amendments identified at the meeting; and,
  - (c) Consider how best to respond to the current consultation on local authority health scrutiny regulations.

#### **4. Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.