

SCRUTINY BOARD (HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE)

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor J Illingworth in the Chair

Councillors P Truswell, G Hussain,
T Murray, J Walker, C Fox, K Bruce,
S Varley, S Bentley, M Robinson and
N Walshaw

1 Late Items

The following supplementary information was submitted:

- Item 10 – Transformation of Health and Social Care Services – comments from the Director of Adult Social Services
- Item 13 – Sources of work for the Scrutiny Board – Leeds Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2012 – Executive Summary and Leeds Health Profile 2012
- Item 14 – Request for Scrutiny – letter issued to Yorkshire Ambulance Service on 21 May 2012

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor T Murray declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10, Transformation of Health and Social Care Services in Leeds – Draft Scrutiny Board Report due to his position on the third sector leadership board.

Councillor P Truswell declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8, Co-opted Members due to his position on the LINK steering group.

Councillor G Hussain declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12, Leeds NHS Performance Report as he had a relative working for the Airedale and Bradford NHS Trust.

3 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence on behalf of Councillor S Armitage were received. Councillor N Walshaw was present as substitute.

4 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

5 Changes to the Council's Constitution

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The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development provided the Board with information on recent amendments to the Council's Constitution, as agreed by Council on 21 May 2012, which directly related to and/or impact on the work of the Scrutiny Boards.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6 Sources of Work for the Scrutiny Board

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development sought to assist the Board in effectively managing its workload for the forthcoming municipal year and provided information and guidance on potential sources of work and areas of priority within the Board's terms of reference.

The following were in attendance for this item:

- Councillor Lisa Mulherin – Executive Member, Health and Well-Being
- Dennis Holmes – Deputy Director, Adult Social Care
- Rob Kenyon – Head of Partnerships, Adult Social Care
- Dr Ian Cameron, Joint Director of Public Health, NHS Airedale, Bradford and Leeds/Leeds City Council

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Lucinda Yeadon, Executive Member for Adult Social Care.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Mental Health – issues including increased demand for services, voluntary sector involvement, impact of the economy, BME groups and early intervention.
- Health inequalities across the City
- Quality of residential and nursing care provision.
- Longer-term accommodation strategy for Older People in the City.
- Formulation of the Leeds Dementia Strategy.
- Integration of Social Care and NHS services – joint commissioning and provision
- Establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Development of Healthwatch.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- Mental Health issues – safeguarding and vulnerability of patients, early intervention and service provision across the City.
- Health inequalities – links to deprivation and the wider determinants of health
- Transition of Public Health to the Council, the associated duties and involvement of partners.

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- Local Development Framework – balancing the duties of a planning authority with public health responsibilities
- Healthwatch and the need for a robust independent body for patients.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

7 2011-2012 Quarter 4 Performance Report

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance) provided a summary of performance against the strategic priorities for the Council and City related to the Scrutiny Board (Health and Well Being and Adult Social Care). Information in the report related to the Council Business Plan and Health and Wellbeing Indicators.

The following were in attendance for this item:

- Dennis Holmes – Deputy Director, Adult Social Services
- Dr Ian Cameron – Joint Director of Public Health
- Stuart Cameron Strickland – Head of Policy, Performance and Improvement

In response to Members comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- Issues related to smoking – prevention, education, cessation services, access to niche tobacco, including shisha smoking.
- Information from GPs – it was reported that figures detailed in the report contained information from all but two GPs Surgeries across the City and that it was hoped that information would soon be provided by all.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8 Co-opted Members

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development sought the Board's formal consideration for the appointment of Co-opted Members to the Board.

Members were informed of the previous year's arrangements which included representatives from the Local Involvement Network (LiNK), Alliance of Service Users and Carers and an Equality Representative. Members also discussed the possibility of inviting a 'university/ research representative' from one of the Universities.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That nominations be sought for Co-opted Members based on the previous year.

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- (3) That the Universities be approached regarding the possibility of nominating a representative Co-opted Member.

9 Equality Improvement Priorities 2011 - 2015

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance) introduced the new Equality Improvement Priorities and the revised Equality and Diversity Policy. It also set out the Council's continued commitment to equality, outlined the Council's equality obligations and objectives, identified how progress would be measured and how the Council would continue to improve and further embed the equality agenda.

The Chair welcomed Lelir Yeung, Head of Equality to the meeting for this item.

In summary, the following issues were discussed:

- Health issues relating to BME communities and migrant communities.
- Gypsies and travellers health issues.
- Access to education and healthcare.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10 Transformation of Health and Social Care Services in Leeds - Draft Scrutiny Board report

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development presented the draft report following the Board's inquiry into the Transformation of Health and Social Care Services in Leeds.

The Board was informed of comments made by the Director of Adult Social Services and proposed amendments to the draft report.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the inclusion of the amendments proposed by the Director of Adult Social Services, the draft report be agreed.

11 Leeds NHS Performance Report

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development provided the Board with an overview of performance against performance indicators for both NHS Leeds and NHS Bradford and Airedale. The report highlighted the key performance issues facing the Cluster organisation and showed a partial evolution towards the 2012/13 Operating Framework, whilst also showing end of year data for 2011/12.

The following were in attendance for this item:

- Graham Brown – Performance Manager, NHS Airedale, Bradford and Leeds

- Karl Milner, Director of Communications and External Affairs, Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust

In response to Members comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- Healthcare Associated Infections and the rates of MRSA and C Difficile
- Referral to treatment (RTT) – targets and thresholds.
- Quality of stroke care
- Appointment of new nursing staff.
- Increasing pressures on accident and emergency (A&E) and ambulance services.
- Staff turnover and use of agency staff.
- Staff appraisals.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

12 Review of Adult's and Children's Congenital Cardiac Services - Update

The reports of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development provided the Board with updates on the national review of both Adult's and Children's Congenital Cardiac Services.

Reference was made to the Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) (Yorkshire and the Humber) inquiry into the Children's review and the view that both the Adult's and Children's reviews should have been carried out together. This view had been made as part of JHOSC's submission to the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT). However, the JCPCT had stated that the review of Adult's Services was outside its current scope.

It was reported that detailed public consultation on proposals for Adult's Congenital Cardiac Services was likely to take place in 2013/14.

The following were in attendance for this item:

- Mr Kevin Watterson – Cardiac Surgeon, Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
- Alison Conchie – Children's Services Business Manager, Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust

Kevin Watterson addressed the meeting and stated there was concern that any consultation following the review of services for Adult's with Congenital Heart Disease would merely be a public relations exercise, as any proposals to reconfigure services would have to be based on the outcome of the Children's Services review. Primarily, this was due to the same surgeons being involved in both adult and children's surgery.

It was suggested that the Board reiterate the views of the JHOSC, previously issued to the Secretary of State for Health, that the Adult's Review would be a fait accompli following the outcome of the Children's services review.

It was also suggested that process being followed for reviewing services for Adults compounded the democratic deficit that had been evident during the review of Children's Services. It was not felt that the decision-making process would be based on clear health planning principles (i.e. services being located to inconvenience the least number of people and being based on population density, future population projections and co-location of services and associated specialities).

Reference was also made to previous meetings of the JHOSC and lack of attendance from a JCPCT representative.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- It was felt that the concerns over the reviews had to be highlighted to and addressed by the Secretary of State.
- The possibility of further judicial review proceedings.
- Members were informed of an informal meeting of the JHOSC that had been held and a formal meeting planned for 24 July 2012.
- The logic behind the decision to deal with the reviews separately as the same surgeons and post operative care teams would be needed.
- The JHOSC had informally agreed to amend its terms of reference to maintain an overview of the implementation phase of the children's services decision. This would be confirmed at the meeting on 24 July 2012.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That a response be provided to the current public engagement process relating to services for Adult's with Congenital Heart Disease.
- (ii) That the response reflect the views previously highlighted by the Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) during its inquiry into the national review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services, and highlighted in the associated consultation response/ report..

13 Request for Scrutiny

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development referred to a request for scrutiny that had been received regarding the Patient Transport Service operated and delivered by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS).

Members were reminded of previous and similar issues highlighted by the Board when considering the YAS's draft Quality Account for 2011/12. It was suggested that a response be sought from Yorkshire Ambulance Service and

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monitoring of the service be undertaken through regular consideration of progress against the priorities and targets detailed in the Quality Accounts for 2011/12..

RESOLVED –

- (i) That a formal response to the issues highlighted be sought from Yorkshire Ambulance Service; and,
- (ii) Specific monitoring of the Patient Transport Service be undertaken through regular consideration of progress against the priorities and targets detailed in the Quality Accounts for 2011/12.

14 Work Schedule

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development asked Members to consider the Board's Work Schedule for the forthcoming municipal year.

Members were given a recap of issues raised earlier in the meeting and the following potential areas of work were also highlighted:

- Quality Accounts – quarterly monitoring reports
- Care Quality Commission – quarterly update/ activity reports
- Performance monitoring – quarterly performance reports
- Health Service Development Working Group – established to consider proposed service changes/ developments and associated public/ patient involvement
- Support from the Centre for Public Scrutiny regarding:
 - (i) The development of local Healthwatch;
 - (ii) Joint scrutiny arrangements.

It was agreed that the Principal Scrutiny Adviser and Chair would consider items to be included in the Board's work schedule.

RESOLVED – That the Principal Scrutiny Adviser and Chair would consider items to be included in the Board's work schedule.

15 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Wednesday, 25 July 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (Pre-meeting at 9.30 a.m.)