

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 21 December 2015

Subject: Cancer Wait Times

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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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. This report introduces information around Cancer Waiting Times and associated performance across Leeds' Clinical Commissioning Groups and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. It includes information associated with the timely referral of patients from outside Leeds, including West Yorkshire.
2. In line with the terms of reference for the Joint Committee, these details are being shared as they may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.

Recommendation

3. Members are requested to consider the information presented and determine any further joint scrutiny actions or activity.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report introduces information around Cancer Waiting Times and associated performance across Leeds' Clinical Commissioning Groups and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. It includes information associated with the timely referral of patients from outside Leeds, including West Yorkshire.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 For the past 18 month, the Health Scrutiny Chairs of the five West Yorkshire Authorities have periodically met on an informal basis focusing on the establishment and progress of the Health Futures Programme. Urgent and Emergency Care is one of the priority areas of work identified within the Health Futures Programme.
- 2.2 A West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has now been established and draws its membership from the five constituent West Yorkshire local authorities.
- 2.3 The Joint Committee has the following roles and functions:
- To scrutinise any proposed service configuration with West Yorkshire-wide implications and its impact on patients and the public when constituent Councils have delegated these powers to the West Yorkshire Health Scrutiny Committee.
 - To meet regularly with NHS England to:
 - Receive updates on national developments and other matters from NHS England
 - To inform NHS England of common issues arising at the five West Yorkshire health scrutiny committees.
 - To receive information on service proposals and other matters from West Yorkshire Commissioning Collaborative (known as 10CC)
 - To share information on health issues from each of the local authority areas that may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.
 - To undertake shared development activities from time to time.
- 2.4 Details attached to this report were previously presented to a meeting of Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS). In line with the terms of reference for the Joint Committee, these details are being shared as they may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.

3.0 Main issues

- 3.1 In June 2015, Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) identified Cancer Waiting Times as a specific area for inquiry during 2015/16.

3.2 Attached is a joint report from Leeds' Clinical Commissioning Groups and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust around Cancer Waiting Times and associated levels of performance against national targets. This report was presented to Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) at its meeting on 24 November 2015.

3.3 Key areas of discussion from that meeting were:

- Raising awareness and developing patient understanding of symptoms.
- Challenges associated with the 2 week wait from GP referral and the 62-day treatment target – particularly in relation to referrals from outside the Leeds area.
- The importance to consider and track outcomes alongside timed targets.
- Confirmation that a review of outcomes was reported by Cancer Strategy Board.
- Acknowledgement that UK outcomes were currently below a number of other European countries.

3.4 The following resolutions were made at the meeting:

- (a) That the Board notes the current situation regarding cancer performance and monitoring and the progress made to deliver better outcomes and shorter wait times for both Leeds patients and other patients treated at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
- (b) That a further report on cancer outcomes be presented to a future meeting.
- (c) That the report presented be submitted to the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

3.5 In line with the above resolutions and the terms of reference for the Joint Committee, the attached details are being shared as they may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.

3.6 Appropriate representatives have been invited to attend the meeting to present the attached information, address any questions from the Board and generally contribute to the discussion.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to consider the information presented and determine any further joint scrutiny actions or activity.

5.0 Background documents¹

5.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.