

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

**Report to the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: 21 December 2015**

**Subject: Sources of Work**

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**Summary of main issues**

1. This report introduces further information that may inform the future work of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Recommendation**

2. 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 further information that may inform the future work of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **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 In line with the terms of reference for the Joint Committee, details in this report are being shared as they may have an impact across other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.

## **3.0 Main issues**

### Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust

3.1 Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) provides an accident and emergency service to respond to 99 calls, patient transport services and an emergency operations centre (call handling service). The Trust also provides a Resilience and Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) and an NHS 111 core service.

- 3.2 The Trust provides services across thirteen local authority areas within Yorkshire and the Humber and services are commissioned by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), with Wakefield CCG acting as the lead commissioner across the Yorkshire and Humber region.
- 3.3 The Trust was subject to an inspection from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in January 2015, with the full report published in August 2015. A copy of the full inspection report is available on request or can be accessed via the CQC website at: [http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/new\\_reports/AAAD4912.pdf](http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/new_reports/AAAD4912.pdf)
- 3.4 Prior to publication of the report, the CQC convened a quality summit with key stakeholders to discuss its findings from the inspection and to allow the Trust to outline its initial response. Local authority overview and scrutiny committees are included as a key stakeholder in this process. However, given the geographical area covered by the Trust, it was agreed that Wakefield Council would lead from a scrutiny perspective. A note from the quality summit is appended to this report.
- 3.5 At the time the CQC inspection report was published, it was planned that Wakefield Council would receive and monitor the Trusts action plan, with the input from the Chairs' of other local authority overview and scrutiny committees. It is understood that some local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber have considered the provision and delivery of ambulance services individually. In addition, arrangements are currently in place for Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust to attend a Scrutiny meeting in Wakefield on 14 January 2016.
- 3.6 However, given the formal establishment of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, members are asked to consider the associated priority and merits of reviewing the provision and delivery of ambulance services across West Yorkshire.
- 3.7 It should be noted that no representatives from YAS will be in attendance for this initial discussion.

#### Specialised Services

- 3.8 Attached to this report is a NHS England North Specialised Commissioning for Stakeholder Bulletin, published in November 2015.
- 3.9 The bulletin sets out a brief summary of Specialised Commissioning alongside the commissioning intentions for 2016/17.
- 3.10 It should be noted that there were no representatives from the Specialised Commissioning Team available to be in attendance for this initial 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 documents<sup>1</sup>**

5.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> 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.