

LTHT update on the impact and response to the Covid-19 Omicron variant.

Date: 8th February 2022

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board requested to receive an update from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) surrounding the impact of the Covid-19 Omicron variant on service delivery and how the Trust is responding to try and mitigate this impact.
- As part of this update, the Board also expressed an interest to understand how the Trust is working to particularly address the impact on elective care patients in terms of reducing waiting times for elective surgery.
- Senior representatives from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust will therefore be attending today's meeting to provide this update to the Board, which will be in the form of a PowerPoint presentation during the meeting.

Recommendations

Members are requested to consider and discuss the information presented during today's meeting.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. In response to the request made by the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board last month, representatives from the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust will be attending today's meeting to update the Scrutiny Board on the impact of the Covid-19 Omicron variant on service delivery and to explain how the Trust is responding to try and mitigate this impact, including work to address the impact on elective care patients.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: All

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

2. This update will be provided in the form of a PowerPoint presentation during the meeting to allow the latest position to be reflected as much as possible. This update is to include reference to the national NHS preparations for Nightingale surge hubs and the role that the Trust is playing to host a surge hub on behalf of the North East and Yorkshire region. Members will also be briefed on the early stages of the Trust's Elective Care Hubs Programme, with the intention of bringing a more detailed report to a future Scrutiny Board meeting.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

3. Representatives from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust will be attending today's meeting to contribute to the Board's discussion and address Members' questions.

What are the resource implications?

4. Any associated resource implications will be reflected as part of the updated position being presented during today's meeting. However, information provided largely relates to external organisations, which may be subject to other considerations relating to resource implications. Specific matters may need to be taken into account if any additional scrutiny activity is deemed appropriate.

What are the legal implications?

5. This report has no specific legal implications.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

6. Any associated risk management implications will be reflected as part of the updated position being presented during today's meeting.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

7. The Leeds Health and Well-being strategy sets out the ambition that Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for all ages, where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest.

Appendices

8. None.

Background papers

9. None.