

# Reviewing the local impact of national health related policy changes

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

## Brief summary

- At the beginning of the municipal year, the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board agreed to monitor the local impact of national health related policy changes post the General Election, with briefings facilitated by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership.
- The appended briefing paper has therefore been provided by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership for the Board's consideration.

## Recommendations

Members are requested to consider the content of the appended briefing paper by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership.

## What is this report about?

1. Appended to this report is a briefing paper from the Leeds Health and Care Partnership which considers the implications of the pertinent Labour Manifesto Pledges and the often stated three policy shifts in relation to the NHS and Health & Care System, as well as acknowledging the focus on immediate financial and performance pressures.
2. Consideration is also given to the findings of the independent investigation of the NHS in England that was undertaken by Lord Darzi, with a report published on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 ([link to published report](#)). A summary of the findings set out in a letter from Lord Darzi to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is also provided in Appendix 2.
3. The major themes identified as part of this independent investigation will also inform the government's forthcoming 10-year health plan, which it aims to complete next spring and will also be of interest to the Scrutiny Board.

## What impact will this proposal have?

4. At the beginning of the municipal year, the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board agreed to monitor the local impact of national health related policy changes post the General Election, with briefings facilitated by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership. This provides an opportunity for Board Members to also consider any potential areas of future scrutiny work.

## How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing       Inclusive Growth       Zero Carbon

5. With regard to Health and Wellbeing, the Best City Ambition states that Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for everyone: where those who are most likely to experience poverty improve their mental and physical health the fastest, with health and care inequalities reducing, and people being supported to thrive from early years to later life. To realise this ambition, there will be a focus on providing high quality care as part of an integrated system, with equitable access to essential services which support people to age well and are focused on prevention and early intervention.

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?       Yes       No

6. The ICB Accountable Officer (Leeds Place) will be attending today's meeting to present the appended briefing paper and address any further questions from Board Members.

## What are the resource implications?

7. Any related resource implications will be reflected as part of the appended briefing paper.

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

8. Any related risk implications will be reflected as part of the appended briefing paper.

## What are the legal implications?

9. This report has no specific legal implications.

## Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Briefing paper by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership on reviewing the local impact of national health related policy changes (October 2024).

- Appendix 2 - Summary letter from Lord Darzi to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the findings of the independent investigation of the NHS in England (September 2024).

**Background papers**

- None.