

SCRUTINY BOARD (HEALTH)

TUESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors J Chapman, A Lamb, M Iqbal,
A McKenna and L Rhodes-Clayton

1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor McKenna declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6, Work Programme as she is a trustee of Relate. (Minute No. 3 refers).

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Atkinson, Bale, Blackburn, Kirkland, Langdale and Monaghan.

3 Work Programme

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which provided information and guidance to the Board on developing the work programme for the 2008/09 Municipal Year. Appended to the report was a series of information to help inform the development of the Board's work programme, including:

- A copy of the Board's terms of reference;
- Measuring the Gap (extract);
- Leeds PCT Strategy (2008- 2011) (extract) – Strategic Direction;
- Leeds PCT Strategy (2008- 2011) (extract) – Priorities for 2008/09;
- Draft Memorandum of Local Area Agreement;
- Leeds Strategic Plan;
- Corporate Performance Management Information;
- Corporate Assessment Actions 2008;
- Details of planned key policies and strategies reviews (including those items which make up the Council's Policy framework);
- Previous issues outstanding from the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care).

The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting:

- Jill Copeland, Leeds Primary Care Trust (PCT)
- Chris Butler, Chief Executive, Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT)
- Maggie Boyle, Chief Executive, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHT)

- John England, Deputy Director – Strategy and Performance, Adult Social Services
- Councillor Peter Harrand, Executive Member with portfolio responsibility for Adult Health and Social Care

Jill Copeland addressed the Board and reported on the PCT's priorities for the following year. These included the following:

Short-term issues

- To meet the 18 week target for referral to treatment;
- To meet waiting time targets for cancer patients;
- Genito-urinary medicine and sexual health care;
- Urgent care, accident and emergency admissions to be dealt with within 4 hours;
- To reduce ambulance waiting times;
- Increasing opening hours for accessing primary care; and
- Reduction of healthcare associated infections – MRSA and C-Diff

Longer-term issues

- Meeting the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets associated with tackling Health Inequalities;
- Continuation of care closer to home – this had already been provided for those Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and work had started to provide services for stroke patients;
- Dental care – increase the number of dentists and appointments available; and,
- The World Class Commissioning Programme.

Chris Butler of the Leeds Partnership NHS Foundation Trust informed the Board of the Trust's role in providing specialist mental health and disability services. He reported that the Trust delivered services across 48 sites with a budget of £108M. It was also reported that the Trust was to undergo a substantial programme of change and highlighted the following areas:

- Re-design of older people's mental health services
- Re-design of services for those with special learning disabilities.
- Re-design of psychological therapy services.

The Board was also informed of plans to rationalise community mental health teams which would make pathways to services run more smoothly. It was stated that partnership work was undertaken with the PCT and Strategic Health Authority to meet these aims.

John England reported that Health and Well Being was considered as a strategic priority for the Council and the Health and Well Being Strategic Plan had been incorporated as part of the Council's Policy and Budgetary Framework. He also highlighted work undertaken on the Leeds Strategic Plan

and Local Area Agreement that covered Health and Wellbeing themes and joint working arrangements with the LPFT, the PCT and LTHT.

Maggie Boyle informed the Board of the services provided by Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust. These included a wide range of secondary and tertiary care services along with specialist referrals both on a regional and national basis. It was reported that some of the Trust's priorities included:

- Working towards achieving Foundation Hospital status and hoped to be achieved this in late 2009/ early 2010;
(It was suggested that the Board may wish to receive a presentation on LTHT's services at a future meeting).
- Wharfedale Hospital;
- How to get public involvement in the provision of services;
- Services at peripheral hospitals and how to make best use of these sites; and,
- Children's services provision.

Members discussed the following issues in response to information presented and as potential additions to the Board's Work Programme:

- Transfer of services between hospitals – Jill Copeland hoped to address this at a future meeting of the Board
- Polyclinics (GP led Health Centres)
- Out of Hours Services
- Review of the National Blood Service
- Renal Services – Transport Issues
- Monitoring of hospital acquired infections (along with progress and performance against other priority areas/ targets in general)
- Teenage pregnancies
- Maternity services / neonatal care transfers

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted and be used to inform the development of an outline work programme.

4 Determining the Work Programme

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which contained information on determining the Board's Work Programme for the 2008/09 Municipal Year. Attached to the report was information on Inquiry Selection Criteria and dates for commissioning reports and meetings of the Board.

Members considered and discussed the issues and areas presented as part of the previous item (agenda item 3), including those matters outstanding from the previous Board. Specifically, Members considered:

- The request for scrutiny in relation to: *'The implications of government's review of entitlement to primary care for refused asylum*

seekers on for healthcare in Leeds'. Members were advised that, to date, the government's review had not been published with no indication of a likely future publication date. For these reasons, the Board agreed to defer any future consideration of this matter until such time that the government's review and its findings/ implications were known.

- The request for scrutiny in relation to: '*Maternity Services / neonatal care transfers*'. Members agreed to request a briefing on the service, including any relevant performance data, in order to determine whether to proceed with an inquiry.
- Establishing a Health Proposals Working Group (as in previous years) with Councillors Grahame, McKenna and Chapman expressing interest in being part of its membership. It was agreed that all members of the Board (in particular those not present at the meeting) would be given the opportunity to express an interest in being part of the membership for such a working group.

RESOLVED –

1. That issues discussed under Agenda Item 3, Work Programme be used to determine the Board's Work Programme and be presented to the July Board meeting.
2. That the Board establish a 'Health Proposals Working Group', with precise membership to be determined at a future meeting.

5 Co-opted Members for the Board

The Head of Scrutiny and Member development submitted a report which outlined the provision to allow the appointment co-opted members to Scrutiny Boards. It was reported that up to five non-voting co-opted members could be added to the Board for a term of office which did not go beyond the next annual meeting of Council and up to two non-voting members for a term of office which related to a particular scrutiny inquiry.

Members were informed of previous arrangements for the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) and expressions of interest for co-option to the Scrutiny Board (Health).

RESOLVED – That the following be co-opted to the Scrutiny Board (Health) for the 2008/09 Municipal Year:

- Eddie Mack – Leeds Voice Health Forum Co-ordinating Group
- Samoud Saqfelhait – Touchstone

6 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

RESOLVED –

That the dates and times of meetings of the Scrutiny Board (Health) for the 2008/09 Municipal Year be held as follows:

Tuesday, 22 July 2008 – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, 16 September 2008 – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, 21 October 2008 -10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, 18 November 2008 – 2.00 p.m.
Friday, 12 December 2008 – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, 20 January 2009 – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 17 February 2009 – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 24 March 2009 – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 28 April 2009 – 10.00 a.m.