

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

**Report to Safer and Stronger (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

**Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Children’s epilepsy surgery**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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. A request for Scrutiny has been received from Dr Colin Ferrie, Consultant Paediatric neurologist and Mr Paul Chumas, Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon, both clinicians at the LGI. The request relates to the treatment of children with epilepsy.
2. The details of the request are attached as appendix 1. Dr Ferrie has been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board meeting to present his concerns to the Board.
3. The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
4. When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:
  - If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;
  - If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently;
  - If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements;
  - The impact on the Board’s current workload;
  - The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
  - The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny;
  - Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken.

## **Recommendations**

5. The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny.
- (ii) Determine if it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

## **Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

6. None used

---

<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.