

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults and Health)

Date: 18 July 2017

Subject: Healthwatch Leeds Annual Report (2016/17) and Future Work Programme

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Healthwatch Leeds' (HWL) Annual Work Report (2016/17) and its future work programme.

2 Main issues

- 2.1 Healthwatch was established to be an effective, independent consumer champion for health and social care. Healthwatch England is an umbrella organisation that provides a leadership and support role for the local Healthwatch network.
- 2.2 Given the respective roles of the Scrutiny Board and Healthwatch bodies, there is the potential for overlap and duplication in respective priority areas. In order to avoid or minimise duplication, the Scrutiny Board and Healthwatch Leeds (as the local Healthwatch body) have developed a productive relationship, which has included the appointment of a non-voting co-opted member onto the membership of the Scrutiny Board since 2014/15. The re-appointment of Healthwatch Leeds' co-Chair was recently confirmed for the duration of the 2017/18 municipal year.
- 2.3 To help ensure a good understanding and awareness of previous work undertaken by Healthwatch Leeds, the Annual Report for 2016/17 is appended to this report. Likewise, to help avoid or minimise areas of duplication, Healthwatch Leeds future work programme is also appended to this report.
- 2.4 In formulating this report, HealthWatch Leeds has confirmed the future work programme is likely to translate into:

- Work around people with complex (mainly physical) conditions sharing their experience (filming);
- A review of an aspect of health visiting (To be confirmed);
- An aspect of the equipment service (probably short term aids and their return);
- Learning Disabled services in the NHS;
- Engagement with adult men about their health and care experience (discussions taking place with HMP Leeds); and,
- Completion of the rolling program of visiting all out-patient clinics provided by LTHT (total of 19; currently around 50% completed)

2.5 It should be noted that HWL's second home care survey has recently been completed, in addition to work on the integrated occupational therapy (OT) service.

2.6 It should also be noted there is a degree of flexibility in HWL's future work programme – to allow for additional, unplanned work items coming forward. This approach is also reflective of the Scrutiny Board's approach to its own work schedule.

2.7 HWL's co-Chair and non-voting co-opted member on the Scrutiny Board will be in attendance to assist the Scrutiny Board in its consideration of the details presented.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to consider the details presented in this report and appendices and agree any specific matters that may require further scrutiny action, input or activity.

4. Background papers¹

4.1 None used

¹ 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.