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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

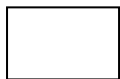
### Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care)

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Subject: Renal Services in Leeds

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 During the municipal year 2006/7, Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) received regular reports regarding the long term plans for renal services in Leeds following concerns raised by the LGI Kidney Patients Association. In April 2007, the Scrutiny Board recommended that the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust continue its ongoing dialogue with the Kidney Patients Association and Leeds PCT on this matter. The Board also recommended that the provision of renal services continue to be monitored by Scrutiny in the new municipal year.
- 1.2 In November 2007, the Chair received communication from the LGI Kidney Patients Association about problems service users were experiencing at Seacroft hospital, including poor access, insufficient wheelchairs, low staff levels, loss of skilled staff, regular water treatment plant failures, transport issues and long waits for patients to get onto dialysis once they arrive at the hospital.
- 1.3 In view of the past Scrutiny involvement and the problems raised by the LGI Kidney Patients Association, the Board decided to request a further update from the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust for this meeting, to consider the long-term plans for renal services in Leeds. Members agreed to invite both the Trust and the LGI Kidney Patients Association together for a discussion of the issues raised by the Association.

## 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is requested to consider

- the information provided from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in the report attached
- the discussion at the meeting today

and determine whether this matter requires any further scrutiny.