

**Report of Head of Democratic Services**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)**

**Date: 11 February 2020**

**Subject: Access to Services at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open 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

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce an overview of access to services and referral to treatment within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, with a specific focus on dermatology and spinal surgery.
- 1.2 The report also provides an update on the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYATT) and associated programme of work.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting in November 2019, the Board was advised of concerns that had been raised around access to services and specific referral to treatment times for some specific service areas – namely dermatology and spinal surgery. Some discussion around dermatology services had already taken place at the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 19 November 2019.
- 2.2 With the agreement of the Board, the Chair wrote to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to provide a report that set out an overview of access to services and referral to treatment within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, with a specific focus on dermatology and spinal surgery. The Chair also requested details associated with the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYATT), its associated programme of work and relationship with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

### **3 Main Issues**

- 3.1 The attached paper (Appendix 1) from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust provides an overview of access to services and referral to treatment within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, with a specific focus on dermatology and spinal surgery. The report also provides an update on the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYATT) and associated programme of work.
- 3.2 Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust's Integrated Quality and Performance Report (January 2020) and the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts annual report (2018/19) are also presented as Annex A and Annex B (respectively).
- 3.3 Representatives from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust have been invited to attend the meeting to present and discuss the details provided.
- 3.4 Associated patient representatives have also been invited to attend the meeting.

### **4. Corporate considerations**

#### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

- 4.1.1 The proposed reconfiguration of maternity and neonatal services in Leeds is subject to a 12-week public consultation (as set out above).
- 4.1.2 For proposed substantial changes or developments of local services, the NHS is required to formally consult the relevant local authority scrutiny body, setting out the date when any formal response is required. The key dates are as follows:

#### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

- 4.2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules state that, where appropriate, all work undertaken by Scrutiny Boards will '...review how and to what effect consideration has been given to the impact of a service or policy on all equality areas, as set out in the Council's Equality and Diversity Scheme'.
- 4.2.2 The details presented in this report relate to an external NHS organisation – namely, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. The Scrutiny Board may wish to explore any relevant equality and diversity matters with the Trust.

#### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 The terms of reference of the Scrutiny Boards promote a strategic and outward looking Scrutiny function that focuses on the best council ambitions and objectives. The performance of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust makes a direct contribution to the City's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and therefore the Council's Best City aspirations.
- 4.3.2 As the details presented in this report relate to an external NHS organisation – namely, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, the Scrutiny Board may wish to explore any relevant matters with the Trust.

## Climate Emergency

- 4.3.3 There are no specific climate implications associated with the content of this report. However, the Board may wish to explore any climate emergency considerations and mitigating actions arising from the details presented with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

### **4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

- 4.4.1 This report does not present any specific financial implications at this time. However, the Board may wish to explore any such matters arising from the details presented with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

- 4.5.1 There are no specific legal or access to information implications associated with the report.

### **4.6 Risk management**

- 4.6.1 The information provided in this report relates to an external NHS organisation – namely Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, and may be subject to other considerations relating to risk management. However, the Board may wish to explore any such matters arising from the details presented with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

## **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 This report introduces an overview of access to services and referral to treatment within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, with a specific focus on dermatology and spinal surgery. The report also provides an update on the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYATT) and associated programme of work.
- 5.2 Appropriate representatives from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and patient representatives have been invited to attend the meeting to present and discuss the details provided.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles) is asked to consider the details presented in this report and accompanying information and determine any further scrutiny actions or activity that may be required.

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

- 7.1 None used

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<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.