

# For better health for all by 2011



In 2011 more people in Leeds will be living and enjoying longer and healthier lives. Healthier lifestyles in terms of food, drink and activities will mean people will feel better and healthier and have a lower risk of heart attack, stroke and diabetes.

*"Knowledge is power – let us know what we can do for ourselves"*



Importantly the gap between those with the best and the worst health in the city will have shrunk. Although the health and wellbeing of everyone will have improved, it will have increased the most within those communities currently experiencing the poorest levels of health and wellbeing. This will include a reduction in the number of early deaths from cardiovascular disease and cancer.

*"Everyone's life expectancy should increase, [the health of the] worst off by most"*



Over the next three years Leeds PCT will provide more care and support where and when patients and their carers need it. This will include moving more services from hospital settings into the community and ensuring fast access to clean hospitals where needed. By 2011 there will have been a year on year improvement in the levels of respect and dignity experienced by service users, patients and carers across all services, irrespective of location. People's experience of primary care services will also have improved through more flexible access to GP services both in and out of standard working hours.

*"I love it when one health centre caters for all my needs, eg dentist and podiatrist, and I can walk to it - all in one place and near to home"*



In 2011 Leeds PCT will be supporting more people to feel in control and make choices about their healthcare. For example more people will have easy access to and a choice of NHS dentist. People living with a long term condition in the city will feel more independent and in control of their health and wellbeing.

*"I want the nearest hospital to provide the best care"*



As the main commissioner of health services for the people of Leeds, the PCT will be working with its partners to deliver the ambitions for the PCT and the city in the Vision for Leeds. The PCT will ensure all its resources are used efficiently and effectively to improve the health of local people and the healthcare provided to them. When commissioning services the PCT will also insist on continuous improvements in the care and treatment patients receive.

*"...supporting individuals and communities in delivering innovative solutions"*



In 2011 Leeds PCT will be a world-class employer with an informed, motivated and skilled workforce delivering excellent services for the population of Leeds. This will be demonstrated through year on year improvements in its staff survey as well as the delivery of its Skills Pledge resulting in professional competency and training across the whole organisation.

*"We want our services delivered by motivated and knowledgeable staff who value all individuals equally"*

Comments from staff, patients, service users, carers and the public during consultation period, winter 2007.