

SCRUTINY BOARD (HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE)

MONDAY, 21ST APRIL, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor J Chapman in the Chair

Councillors J Bale, J Dowson, G Driver,
P Ewens, C Fox, J Illingworth, M Iqbal,
G Kirkland, M Rafique and L Russell

CO-OPTEES:

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| J Fisher | - Alliance of Service Users and Carers |
| J Jones | - Touchstone |
| S Morgan | - Equalities |
| S Saqfelhait | - Touchstone |
| L Wood | - Leeds Patient and Public involvement Forums |

120 Late Items

In accordance with her powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair allowed the following Late item to the Agenda:

- Agenda Item 14 – Annual Report 2007/08 – Draft Annual Report of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care).

121 Declarations of interest

Councillor Kirkland declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16 as he was an out-patient of Wharfedale Hospital. (Minute No. 134 refers).

122 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mr E Mack.

123 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) held on 17 March 2008, be confirmed as a correct record.

124 Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute No.114 – NHS Annual Health Check

Concern was reiterated regarding the failure to meet compliance in standards that related to decontamination of equipment and hospital acquired infections and the effect on public confidence of health services.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held 16 June 2008 (Provisional)

125 Executive Board Minutes

Members discussed minute No. 194 which referred to a deputation to Council regarding funding for Relate. It was noted that the breakdown of family relationships could have a significant impact on health issues and it was agreed to include this as part of the Board's future Work Programme.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Executive Board held on 12 March 2008 be noted.

126 Overview and Scrutiny Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5 February 2008 be noted.

127 Childhood Obesity: Update on the State of Play Report

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which reminded the Board of their previous inquiry into Childhood Obesity: Prevention and Management. In line with the monitoring processes following this inquiry, the Board had requested an update on the State of Play report as proposed in the Leeds Play Strategy.

The Chair welcomed Frank O'Malley, Leeds Play Network to the meeting.

The Board was informed that the following 5 key areas for improvement had been identified:

- Focus on strategy and development
- Provision for older children
- Provision of open access play areas
- The need to support the play workforce – i.e. qualifications
- Resource issues

In response to these identified areas of required improvement It was reported that a senior post of Play Strategy Officer had been created and recruitment was in progress. The postholder would be looking into the development of provision for older children. In terms of open access provision, it was reported that lottery funds had been received towards this of which some would be used to provided staffed areas. Further funding from the Big Lottery Fund and Children's Fund had been made available and it was also hoped to build 10 new playgrounds across the city.

In brief summary, the following issues were discussed:

- Sale of land and how this affected different parts of the city. Gaps needed to be identified to direct resources.
- Improved play facilities had been installed across the city and these had seemed to be less prone to vandalism.

- Parents and children should be consulted on location of play areas.
- Progress on the new adventure playgrounds.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the discussion be noted.
- (b) That the Board receive further updates on the State of Play.

128 Leeds Strategic Plan and Council Business Plan

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report regarding the Leeds Strategic Plan and Council Business Plan. Two reports of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) were attached and these had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting of 8 April 2008. The reports detailed the draft targets and indicators for the Leeds Strategic Plan and the Council Business Plan.

The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting:

- John England, Deputy Director – Strategy and Performance
- Heather Pinches, Performance Manager
- Martyn Long – Policy Officer

The Board were reminded of previous discussion regarding the Leeds Strategic Plan and it was reported that negotiation was underway with Government Office regarding the planned targets and in line with the Local Area Agreement.

In response to Members' comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- Concern was expressed that the targets were short term and directed by Government Office. It was reported that the strategic outcomes and improvement priorities identified would be longer term than the plan and would support continuing progress.
- Inequalities across the city. It was reported that Area Delivery Plan actions would be used to address local issues. Members were advised of the relationship between Area Committees and the Leeds Strategic Plan and discussions had been held with Area Managers.
- The need to provide more affordable housing and the associated health and well being implications.
- The Council Business Plan would enable collected data to be used more effectively to meet the city's needs.

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

129 The Localisation of Health and Social Care Services - Draft Final Report

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held 16 June 2008 (Provisional)

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted the Board's draft final report following the inquiry into the Localisation of Health and Social Care Services.

Members requested the following issues to be included in the report:

- Board Members visit to Leeds Dental School and the dependence on its services and the need for more out of hours emergency Dental Care.
- The contribution of Members from South Leeds.
- The use of LIFT centres and concern regarding unused capacity.

RESOLVED – That the report be amended as discussed.

130 Scrutiny Board Draft Statement - Obesity

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which included a draft statement which was produced following a meeting of a working group meeting. This was a follow up to the Board's inquiry into Childhood Obesity: Prevention and Management which was carried out in 2005/06.

Concern was expressed that the statement did not contain any recommendations on issues such as planning and transport.

RESOLVED – That the Board's draft statement regarding Obesity be agreed.

(In accordance with Paragraph 16.5 of the Council Procedure Rules, Councillor Illingworth requested that his vote against the Board's decision on this item be recorded).

131 Scrutiny Board - Teenage Pregnancy

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a draft report of the Board regarding Teenage Pregnancy.

Members regarded the report as an excellent piece of work and urged the need for consistency in the approach to educational issues across the City.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

132 Annual Report 2007/08

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which presented the Board's draft contribution to the Scrutiny Board Annual Report.

The draft contribution contained a summary of the Board's work and Inquiries carried out during the 2007/08 Municipal Year. Members requested that photographs of South Leeds be included in the report.

RESOLVED – That the Board’s contribution to the composite Annual Report be amended as discussed.

133 A Local Involvement Network (LINK) for Leeds - Update

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report which updated the Board on progress with the Local Involvement Network (LINK) for health and social care in Leeds. The report also detailed Local Involvement Network regulations and the associated implications for Local Authorities and scrutiny procedures.

The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting:

- Mike Simpkin, Public Health Strategy Manager
- Janet Somers, Business Change Manager, Adult Social Services

It was reported that the procurement process for the Host organisation was nearing completion and the contract was due to be awarded in May 2008. The Link Preparatory Group was due to meet and the Board was informed of transitional arrangements until the Host organisation was appointed following the winding up of the PPI Forums.

In response to a question of the wider remit of the LINK and how to ensure the inclusion of Social Care, it was reported that during the transitional period, there would be two chairs. One for Health and one for Social Care to ensure a balance during this transitional period. These arrangements would last until the Host organisation had developed the LINK which was to be in place no later than 30 September 2008.

The Chair thanked Mike Simpkin and Janet Somers for their attendance.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

134 Urgent Care Services

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which updated Members on NHS proposals for reconfiguration of Urgent Care Services. The report reminded Members that Leeds PCT was considering a redesign and re-commissioning of services across Leeds and West Yorkshire.

The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting:

- Dr Simon Stockill – Clinical Lead for the Programme
- Nigel Gray – Director of Development and Commissioning, Adult Services
- Laura Sherburn – Head of Development and Commissioning – Urgent Care

It was reported that Leeds PCT was working in conjunction with the other four West Yorkshire PCTs to redevelop pathways to urgent care services. Formal public consultation was planned and public meetings and drop in sessions would be held.

Dr Stockill addressed the meeting and reported on the clinical case for change. There were several issues that were driving the need for change including the following:

- Confusion of where to access urgent care.
- Changes to GP Practice opening hours.
- Higher demand in areas of deprivation.

It was reported that there would not be any changes to the locations that currently provided urgent primary care, with the exception of Lexicon House. It was noted that some patients did not favour Lexicon House due to its location. It was planned to extend opening hours at Wharfedale and St George's Centre. There was also a need to address urgent care provision in areas that did not have nearby access. These included Garforth, Swillington and Wetherby. Patients would be consulted regarding locations and services would be designed along the requirements of users. There was also a duty to consult staff, providers and delivery partners.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- Preventative care
- Publicising of services and opening times – it was reported that information was provided in other languages
- The need to improve public consultation

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

135 Work Programme: Outstanding Issues and Forward Plan

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which detailed outstanding issues in the Board's current Work Programme and also contained an extract from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions which highlighted issues that may be of interest to the Board.

The Chair thanked Members of the Board for their contribution and support during the past year.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.