

REPORT OF Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust

MEETING: North East (Inner) Area Committee

DATE : 4th September 2006

SUBJECT : Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Consultation

Electoral Wards Affected :

All

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

Women

Disabled People

Executive Function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Council Function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligible for Call In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust are applying for foundation trust status. This will give us the freedom to run our own affairs while remaining fully within the NHS. We will be accountable to local people and to an independent regulator, Monitor. This will allow us to be more responsive to local needs and to pursue necessary improvements in services.

This is an exciting time for anyone connected to us and will provide our service users, carers, staff and the people of Leeds with an opportunity to have a greater say about how our services develop.

We have a well established history of listening to the views of our service users and carers. By becoming a foundation trust we will be able to develop how we work together in a more formal way and give you real powers to shape the future of the Trust.

As part of your community, our ambition over the coming years is for people to choose us because we always deliver the best mental health and learning disability care, and we hope you will join us in this vision.

We welcome your opinion on our proposals on how local peoples views will be heard, about the membership of the new foundation trust, how we involve service users, carers, staff and other local people, and also our future plans for how we develop and deliver our services.