



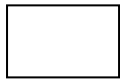
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 16 September 2008

Subject: Renal Services

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the initial discussions regarding the work programme, the Scrutiny Board (Health) was advised that Renal Services, particularly in relation to the transport of kidney patients, had remained an area of concern for some time.
- 1.2 At its meeting in June 2008, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed to revisit this service area and consider the current level of provision and any issues highlighted.

2.0 Report Issues

- 2.1 As such, a number of organisations have been contacted and asked to provide information for the Board to consider. The information appended to this report includes:
- A briefing paper from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on the provision of renal services in general and the renal patient transport service (Appendix 1).
 - A submission from the National Kidney Federation (Appendix 2).
 - A submission from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) (Appendix 3) – to follow.
- 2.2 Representatives from Leeds PCT and the two local kidney patients association have also been invited to attend the meeting to help inform the Board's discussion and consideration of the issues raised.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Board is requested to consider the information provided in the attached papers, identify any areas where further information is required and determine what, if any, further action is required.

4.0 Background Papers

Scrutiny Board (Health) – 17 June 2008: Item 6 – Work Programming (Appendix 11: Outstanding/ potential items)

Scrutiny Board (Health) – 17 June 2008: Minutes of meeting

Scrutiny Board (Health) – 22 July 2008: Item 12 – Work Programme (Appendix 1: Draft work programme)