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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 16 September 2008

Subject: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – Neonatal Services

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
	Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	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 a former co-opted member of the former Board had raised maternity services / neonatal transfers as a potential area for scrutiny. At its meeting on 17 June 2008, the Board requested a briefing on the service area, including any relevant performance data, in order to determine whether to proceed with an inquiry.
- 1.2 A briefing paper from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is attached to this report for consideration.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is requested to consider the information provided in the attached report, identify any areas where further information is required and determine whether any specific matters require more detailed scrutiny.

3.0 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)