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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Health)**

**Date: 16 September 2008**

**Subject: Response to the Scrutiny Inquiry Report: The Localisation of Health and Social Care Services**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 During the previous municipal year (2007/08), the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) undertook a scrutiny inquiry that considered 'The Localisation of Health and Social Care Services'. The final scrutiny inquiry report was published in May 2008. Copies of the final report have previously been circulated to members of the Scrutiny Board.

1.2 As previously reported, many of the recommendations identified in the inquiry report are cross-cutting, aimed at both health service and social care providers. It was also previously reported to the Scrutiny Board that given the context of the inquiry and the subsequent recommendations, it would perhaps be inappropriate and somewhat artificial to split the recommendations to report to the newly formed Scrutiny Boards for 'Health' and 'Adult Social Care' respectively.

1.3 With this above context in mind and given that the legislative powers for NHS Scrutiny rest with the Scrutiny Board (Health), it was agreed to incorporate tracking of all the recommendations within the work programme of the Health Scrutiny Board.

**2.0 Report Issues**

2.1 The initial response to the recommendations (attached at Appendix 1) is presented to the Scrutiny Board (Health) for consideration.

- 2.2 In recent years, Scrutiny Boards have adopted a more rigorous approach when monitoring progress against inquiry reports and/or statements. As a result, when tracking recommendations Scrutiny Boards consider progress against a standard set of criteria. These are presented in the form of a flow chart and attached at Appendix 2 to enable the Board to assess progress and any resulting actions arising.
- 2.3 The questions should help to decide whether a recommendation has been completed, and if not whether further action is required, allowing the Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The Board is then be able to take further action as appropriate

### **3.0 Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Board is requested to consider the information provided in the attached report and determine:
- 3.1.1 What, if any, further action is necessary;
  - 3.1.2 Any matters that require any further scrutiny;
  - 3.1.3 Any specific matters to be referred to the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) for action/ consideration

### **4.0 Background Papers**

Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) – May 2008: Inquiry Report – The Localisation of Health and Social Care Services  
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)