



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 16 September 2008

Subject: Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work Programme and Draft Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting in July 2008, the Board agreed its outline work programme. However, as the Board's work programme should be considered as an evolving document an updated version is attached as Appendix 1 for further consideration.

2.0 WORKING GROUPS

- 2.1 At its meeting in July 2008, the Board also established a number of working groups. Details for each group are considered below.

Health Proposals Working Group

- 2.2 Established to oversee future proposed service changes and make recommendations on the full Board's involvement, the group is yet to meet. Following the postponement of the initial meeting, a revised date is yet to be agreed and the Board will be provided with a progress update at the meeting.
- 2.3 At the meeting in July 2008, where the Board agreed the terms of reference for this working group, additional information has been provided regarding the legislative framework which determines the involvement of overview and scrutiny committees in proposed changes to the provision of health care services. These have now been included in the terms of reference (Appendix 2) and are provided for the Board's approval.

GP-led Health Centres Working Group

- 2.4 The working group has met on two occasions, and has engaged with Leeds PCT regarding the proposals to establish a GP-led Health Centre in the Burmantofts area of Leeds. A summary of the proposals is provided at Appendix 3.
- 2.5 During discussions, the working group was advised that the public consultation had recently concluded and the results were in the process of being analysed. Members requested that the such results be presented to the Scrutiny Board at the earliest opportunity. This information is attached at Appendix 4.
- 2.6 In addition, Members of the working group requested to visit the current Burmantofts Health Centre (date to be confirmed), where it is initially planned for the new service to be located. Members also requested details of the proposed/ planned refurbishment works for the Health Centre.

Improving Sexual Health among Young People Working Group

- 2.7 Initially proposed to consider the issue of teenage pregnancy, the Board agreed to expand the scope of this inquiry to cover sexual health among young people in general. The revised terms of reference is attached at Appendix 5 for consideration.
- 2.8 The working group is scheduled to hold its first meeting on 9 September 2008. An update will be provided at the meeting.

3.0 OTHER WORK PROGRAMME ISSUES

- 3.1 At its meeting in July 2008, one of the substantive items discussed related to proposed changes to the structure of NHS Blood and Transplant and the specific implications of closing the blood testing and processing centre within Leeds and transferring its operation to other centres in the North of England. The Board is likely to need to re-consider the information provided to date and receive any additional information in order to agree its position on the proposals.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members are asked to;
- (i) Consider the updated work programme attached at Appendix 1 and agree / amend as appropriate;
 - (ii) Agree the revised terms of reference for the Health Proposals Working Group.
 - (iii) Consider the information provided in relation to the proposed GP-led Health Centre, and in particular the consultation analysis provided.
 - (iv) Agree the revised terms of reference for the inquiry into Improving Sexual Health among Young People.
 - (v) Note the position regarding the proposed changes to the structure of NHS Blood and Transplant and the specific implications of closing the blood testing and processing centre within Leeds.

5.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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)