

Leeds' Stroke Services – Vision and Priorities

Date: 20 September 2022

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- Proposals for developing a strategy for stroke services in Leeds were considered by the Scrutiny Board in October 2021; and a further update was identified for inclusion on the 2022/23 draft work schedule for consideration by the successor Board.
- A joint update provided by the Integrated Care Board in Leeds, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Leeds Community Healthcare is appended to this report for consideration by the Scrutiny Board.
- The update will provide greater awareness among Scrutiny Board members in relation to the overall development of a strategy for stroke services in Leeds, including:
 - General progress since the matter was last considered by the Scrutiny Board in October 2021, including progress against immediate priorities identified.
 - Specific patient and health inequality impacts arising from challenges in implementing and achieving the priorities within current services, including specific risks and mitigating actions.
 - The next steps and timeline – including plans for further engagement and/or consultation; and the associated decision-making arrangements.
- The details provided will assist the Board in determining what, if any, further scrutiny activity is required.

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the details presented in this report and the associated appendices and determine any specific further scrutiny activity.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. Proposals for developing a strategy for stroke services in Leeds were considered by the Scrutiny Board in October 2021. At that meeting it was outlined a draft Stroke Strategy was expected to be available in April / May 2022.
2. In February 2022, Board members were advised of a 6-month delay for the production of the draft strategy (i.e. by the end of October 2022). Challenges arising from the continued COVID response, and specifically the Omicron variant, were identified as the cause of the delay. Some challenges in progressing the 2022/23 priorities were also referenced.
3. Upon receipt of an additional update in July 2022, stating a further 3-month delay was expected before a draft strategy would be available – i.e. January 2023, the Chair requested a general update be provided to the Scrutiny Board, detailing general progress since the matter was last considered by the Scrutiny Board in October 2021.
4. The Chair also requested that the update include and comment on those particularly challenging priorities referenced in the note from February 2022, along with the following details:
 - Patient and health inequality impacts arising from challenges in implementing and achieving the priorities within the existing strategy – including the number of patients impacted.
 - Risks and mitigating actions associated with the challenges in implementing and achieving the immediate priorities identified.
 - The next steps and timeline for developing a strategy for stroke services in Leeds – including plans for further engagement and/or consultation; and decision-making arrangements.
 - Any additional matters not that should be drawn to the attention of the Scrutiny Board.
5. A joint update provided by the Integrated Care Board in Leeds, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Leeds Community Healthcare is appended to this report for consideration by the Scrutiny Board.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: All

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

6. The appended report will provide greater awareness among Scrutiny Board members in relation to the overall progress in developing the vision and priorities for stroke services in Leeds, including impacts, risks and mitigations, decision-making arrangements and next steps.
7. The details provided will assist the Board in determining what, if any, further scrutiny activity is required.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

8. Any specific consultation and/or engagement activities that have taken place are set out within the update appended to this report. Plans for further engagement and/or consultation will be included as part of the next steps, where appropriate.

What are the resource implications?

9. Any specific resource implications are set out within the update appended to this report.

What are the legal implications?

10. Any specific legal implications are set out within the update appended to this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

11. Any specific risks and risk management arrangements are set out within the update appended to this report.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

12. The terms of reference of the Scrutiny Board promotes a strategic and outward looking Scrutiny function that focuses on best city objectives. The Scrutiny Board also has special responsibility for discharging the Council's statutory health function, which includes any matters associated with the planning, delivery and operation of local health services.

13. Considering the details provided in the update appended to this report helps the Scrutiny Board to discharge its general and specific responsibilities.

Appendices

14. Appendix 1: Joint report from the Integrated Care Board in Leeds, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Leeds Community Healthcare

Background papers

15. None.