

## **Elective Care Hub – Proposals and Draft Response**

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

### **Brief summary**

- In August 2022, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust provided a briefing note for the Scrutiny Board on proposed changes to endoscopy services at Wharfedale Hospital and how these related to more significant proposals to develop an elective (planned) care hub at Wharfedale. The briefing note is attached.
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust subsequently issued a public statement highlighting its proposals to develop an elective (planned) care hub Wharfedale Hospital and invited views from members of the public and other interested stakeholders.
- The deadline for the submission of responses is 22 September 2022.
- This report provides an opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to agree and submit any specific comments in relation to the Trust's proposals by the 22 September 2022 deadline.

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to consider the details presented in this report, the associated appendices and agree any specific comments in relation to the Trust's proposals, to be submitted by the 22 September 2022 deadline.

## What is this report about?

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- 2 Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust subsequently issued a public statement highlighting its proposals to develop an elective (planned) care hub Wharfedale Hospital and invited views from members of the public and other interested stakeholders.
- 3 The Trust's release is available [here](#) with more details and the option to share specific feedback available here: [Proposed Elective Care Hub and impact on the Endoscopy Unit \(leedsth.nhs.uk\)](#). The closing date for public feedback is Thursday 22 September.

## What impact will this proposal have?

- 4 The details presented in this report and the associated appendices will assist the Scrutiny Board in examining in more detail a specific aspect of health and care services in Leeds, identified by the former Board in 2021/22.
- 5 This report also assists the Scrutiny Board in its discharge of its health scrutiny functions, a special responsibility delegated to the Scrutiny Board by Council.

## How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing       Inclusive Growth       Zero Carbon

- 6 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.
- 7 Considering the details within this report and its appendices helps the Scrutiny Board fulfil its responsibilities to discharge its general and specific responsibilities.

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?       Yes       No

- 8 The details presented in this report do not form part of any formal public consultation. Nonetheless, in considering the information presented, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider the levels of involvement and engagement to date.

## What are the resource implications?

- 9 There are no specific resource implications associated with providing these details to the Scrutiny Board. Any proposed recommendations identified by the Scrutiny Board may have resource implications that require a full assessment.

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

- 10 There is a requirement on the Council's Scrutiny Officer to annually report to Council on how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.
- 11 Presenting the details within this report and its appendices, supports delivery of the Scrutiny Board's annual work schedule for 2022/23 and will assist in presenting the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23 to Council.

### **What are the legal implications?**

- 12 There are no specific legal implications associated with report, however any proposed recommendations identified by the Scrutiny Board may have legal implications that require a full assessment.
- 13 In addition, and more generally, under current legislation, NHS bodies must consult with the appropriate local authorities where there are any proposed substantial developments or variations in the provisions of health services (substantial service reconfiguration) in the area(s) of a local authority under consideration.
- 14 As such, in considering the information presented in this report and outlined at the meeting, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider the levels of involvement, engagement and consultation undertaken by the appropriate health and care bodies

### **Options, timescales and measuring success**

#### **What other options were considered?**

- 15 The details in this report and its appendices have been provided as part of the arrangements to keep the Scrutiny Board notified of proposed service changes and developments across Leeds, in line with the framework outlined in the attached briefing note. No other options have been considered.

#### **How will success be measured?**

- 16 The Scrutiny Board is recommended to consider the details presented in this report, the associated appendices and discussed at the meeting, and agree any specific comments in relation to the Trust's proposals, to be submitted by the 22 September 2022 deadline.
- 17 There is also a requirement on the Council's Scrutiny Officer to annually report to Council on how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

#### **What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?**

- 18 The details in this report the associated appendices and discussed at the meeting, present factual information in relation to proposed changes to endoscopy services at Wharfedale Hospital and how these related to more significant proposals to develop an elective (planned) care hub at Wharfedale. As such, there are no associated implementation requirements at this stage.
- 19 Any further activities and/or proposed recommendations identified by the Scrutiny Board may require a full assessment prior to implementation.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – LTHT briefing note on Endoscopy Services at Wharfedale Hospital, including how proposed changes related to more significant proposals to develop an elective (planned) care hub at Wharfedale.

### **Background papers**

- None