

## Scrutiny Board (Health)

### Scrutiny Board Inquiry: GP-led Health Centres

#### Working Group Meeting: 19 August 2008

**Present: Members**

Councillor Grahame (Chair)  
Councillor Kirkland

**Officers**

John Lennon (Adult Social Care)  
Christine Farrar (Healthy Leeds Partnership)  
Sue Whitworth (Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust (LPFT))  
Steven Courtney (Principal Scrutiny Adviser)  
Laura Nield (Scrutiny Adviser)

**Apologies** Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)  
Leeds Primary Care Trust (PCT)

### Background

At its meeting on 17 June 2008, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed to undertake a scrutiny inquiry to consider the proposals for and implications of developing GP led Health Centres (Polyclinics) in Leeds. The terms of reference for this inquiry was agreed at the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 22 July 2008.

These notes provide a summary of the main discussion points and the agreed outcome/ action points arising from the working group meeting held on 19 August 2008.

#### Background information

To assist members of the working group undertaking this inquiry, the following background papers were provided at the meeting:

- Terms of reference;
- Summary of information regarding the proposed GP outlet in Burmantofts;
- A copy of the PCT's consultation document (available from the PCT website);
- A summary of relevant extracts from Leeds Local Medical Committee (LMC) newsletter (LMC viewpoint);
- High Quality Care for All - NHS Next Stage Review Final Report (Summary, June 2008);
- High Quality Care for All - Kingsfund briefing;
- BMA position statement;
- Our NHS, our future - NHS Next Stage Review Interim Report (Summary, October 2007).

### Summary of discussion

Members were reminded that the issue of developing a GP-led Health Centre had, in part, been identified as the subject of a scrutiny inquiry as a result of the recent media coverage about the development of 'Polyclinics' – which had arisen as an early proposal within elements of Lord Darzi's NHS Next Stage Review.

There was a general discussion around the proposals being put forward by Leeds PCT and specific reference was made to the PCT summary of information and the consultation document produced by the PCT.

The main discussion points centred around 3 themes – namely, consultation, procurement and the proposed location of the GP-led Health Centre.

- Consultation – members were keen to know the results of the consultation and how these will be used in the development of the proposals.
- Procurement – members wanted to understand the procurement timetable, and be provided with details such as the tender brief/ specification provided to prospective bidders, the tender evaluation process and the tender evaluation team.
- Proposed location – members made some comments on the proposed location and queried whether the established Health Centre at Burmantofts would be fit for purpose. Members were keen to establish details of any immediate refurbishment, maintenance, or improvement works planned for the existing Health Centre. It was suggested that the working group might wish to visit the existing Health Centre.

### **Agreed Outcomes**

It was agreed that representatives from Leeds PCT be invited to attend a further meeting on 21 August 2008 to discuss the general proposals for establishing a GP-led Health Centre in the Burmantofts area of the City and to specifically comment on the areas identified at the meeting.

**Steven Courtney**  
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