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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 12 December 2008

Subject: GP-led Health Centre – scrutiny inquiry

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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 At its meeting on 22 July 2008, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed the terms of reference for undertaking a scrutiny inquiry to consider the proposals for and implications of developing GP-led Health Centres (Polyclinics) in Leeds. The scope of the inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on the following areas:

- The likely impact of Lord Darzi's interim report (NHS Next Stage Review) on healthcare in Leeds in the short, medium and longer term.
- The impact which the proposed GP-led health centre will have on healthcare provision and Council Services (particularly Adult Social Care and Children's Services) in Leeds.
- How the PCT can best manage the establishment of the new health centre in order to maximise the benefits for the population of Leeds and minimise any negative impact.
- How the Council ought to approach the issue, and its overall role in managing public expectation.

1.2 At the July 2008 meeting, the Board also agreed the membership of a working group to undertake some aspects of the inquiry. Updates on the work undertaken by the working group have been provided at the Board meeting held on 21 October 2008 and 18 November 2008.

## **2.0 Inquiry issues**

- 2.1 At its meeting in November 2008, the Board considered an update on the inquiry. The Board was presented with notes of the meetings of the Working Group and a submission from NHS Leeds that provided additional information following the consultation on the GP-led Health Centre. The Board was also advised that the final consultation analysis report had been completed, published and was available from NHS Leeds' website.
- 2.2 At its meeting in November 2008, the Board raised the following issues:
- That expectations of a 'walk-in' style centre had not been met;
  - That the Burmantofts Health Centre building was not fit for purpose and did not have satisfactory facilities for the disabled;
  - Some of the information provided by NHS Leeds appeared to be contradictory;
  - Local people within the Burmantofts area deserve and have been led to expect a 21<sup>st</sup> Century health centre that will provide 21<sup>st</sup> Century health care services. The role of the Scrutiny Board is to help ensure that this is delivered.
  - The health needs of local people within the Burmantofts area demand a long-term and sustainable solution.
- 2.3 Following discussion, the Board requested that:
- A further report from the Director of Adult Social Services be presented to the Board to provide a Leeds City Council perspective on the proposal emerging from the NHS Next Stage Review; and,
  - Representatives of NHS Leeds be invited to attend the Board to address any comments and/or questions.
- 2.4 The additional report referred to in 2.3 (above) is presented as Appendix 1. In addition, the Chief Executive and Director of Primary Care from NHS Leeds will attend the meeting to respond to issues raised by the Board.

### Additional considerations

- 2.5 Board members will note the terms of reference for this inquiry include making an assessment of *'the likely impact of Lord Darzi's interim report (NHS Next Stage Review) on healthcare in Leeds in the short, medium and longer term'*. In this regard, a submission from NHS Leeds is presented elsewhere on the agenda and may usefully inform the Board's consideration of this aspect of the inquiry.

## **3.0 Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Board is requested to:
- 3.1.1 Consider the information provided in this report and appendix and any specific matters discussed at the meeting;
  - 3.1.2 Identify any additional information that may be required and determine any specific matters that require further scrutiny;
  - 3.1.3 Determine and confirm the next steps of the inquiry.

## **4.0 Background Papers**

Terms of reference – Inquiry into GP-Led Health Centres/Polyclinics (agreed 22 July 2008)