



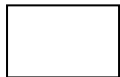
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 12 December 2008

Subject: Mental Health Act 2007 – Supervised Community Treatment

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on 21 October 2008 the Scrutiny Board (Health) received and considered a report which set the main changes to the Mental Health Act 1983 through the provisions set out in the Mental Health Act (MHA) 2007. The Scrutiny Board was advised of the overall progress in implementing the requirements of the MHA 2007 through the Implementation Self Assessment Tool (ISAT) submitted to the Department of Health at the end of June 2008.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny Board was also advised of the overall preparedness across the partnership in meeting the requirements of the provisions of the Act, which included a discussion around Supervised Community Treatment (SCT). The Board was advised that, following a period of detention in hospital, the provisions around SCT were expected to allow a small number of patients with a mental disorder to live in the community whilst subject to certain conditions.
- 1.3 At the meeting the Board was advised that the basis of Supervised Community Treatment would involve robust care plans and monitoring processes that would ensure patients complied with any necessary treatment regime. However, the Board expressed some concern regarding the practical implications around Supervised Community Treatment, highlighting the possibility of patients not maintaining the appropriate treatment regime and a range of associated problems that may arise. As such, the Board requested a more detailed briefing on the introduction of Supervised Community Treatment.

- 1.4 The attached summary, provided by the Leeds Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT), seeks to provide the more detailed information requested by the Board and is presented for the consideration.
- 1.5 Appropriate representatives have been invited to attend the meeting to address any comments and/or questions from the Board.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is requested to:
 - 2.1.1 Consider the information provided and discussed at the meeting;
 - 2.1.2 Identify and determine the scope and timing of any additional information that may be required and/or any specific matters that require further scrutiny.

3.0 Background Papers

Report to the Health Scrutiny Board: *Implementation of the Mental Health Act 2007* – 21 October 2008