

Formal Response to Scrutiny Statement re: Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service

Date: 12th September 2023

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

- During June 2023, the Chair of the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board requested that senior NHS and Public Health representatives meet urgently with members of the Scrutiny Board in accordance with its Health Service Developments Working Group approach to provide clarity surrounding a decision to cease referrals into the Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service from 1st July 2023 and to allow the Scrutiny Board to share its views regarding the implications of that decision.
- This working group meeting took place on 28th June 2023 and was attended by senior representatives from Public Health, the Leeds Health and Care Partnership and the Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust.
- A summary of the main issues raised during the working group, along with key conclusions and recommendations, was captured in the form of a Statement by the Scrutiny Board, which was formally considered and agreed by Members during the Board's meeting on 11th July 2023.
- A formal response to the Scrutiny Board's Statement has now been provided by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership Executive Group (PEG). The Scrutiny Board is therefore requested to consider this formal response and determine what, if any, further scrutiny work is required.

Recommendations

Members are requested to consider the formal response of the Leeds Health and Care Partnership Executive Group to the Scrutiny Board's Statement in relation to the Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service and determine what, if any, further scrutiny work is required.

What is this report about?

- 1 On 14th June 2023, the Head of Pathway Integration – Long Term Conditions at the Leeds Health and Care Partnership had provided a communication document to the Chair of the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board explaining that from 1st July 2023, referrals into the Leeds Specialist Tier 3 Weight Management Service will be paused to enable the service to reduce the current waiting list, provide appropriate care for the patients on the caseload without compromising on quality and to move towards undertaking a pathway redesign, including new referral criteria. It was highlighted that engagement would be undertaken during Autumn 2023 with staff, patients, carers and stakeholders, including the Scrutiny Board, as part of the forthcoming pathway redesign work.
- 2 However, the Chair requested that this matter be brought to the Scrutiny Board in accordance with its Health Service Developments Working Group approach so that Board Members can be provided with more clarity and the opportunity to share its views surrounding the implications of the decision to cease referrals to the Tier 3 service before it is enacted.
- 3 All Board Members were invited to attend the working group meeting, which was held on 28th June 2023. This meeting was also attended by senior representatives from Public Health, the Leeds Health and Care Partnership and the Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust.
- 4 A summary of the main issues raised during the working group, along with key conclusions and recommendations, was captured in the form of a Statement by the Scrutiny Board, which was formally considered and agreed by Members during the Board's meeting on 11th July 2023.
- 5 A formal response to the Scrutiny Board's Statement has now been provided by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership Executive Group (PEG) for the Board's consideration. This is set out in Appendix 1.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 6 The Scrutiny Board is requested to consider the formal response of the Leeds Health and Care Partnership Executive Group and determine what, if any, further scrutiny work is required.

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

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 7 Services aimed at achieving a fit and healthy population aligns with the vision of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Being Strategy that '*Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for all ages, where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest*'.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 8 All Board Members were invited to attend the Health Service Developments Working Group meeting that took place on 28th June 2023. This meeting was also attended by senior representatives from Public Health, the Leeds Health and Care Partnership and the Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust.

What are the resource implications?

9 There are no resource implications associated with this report.

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

10 There are no direct risk management implications associated with this report.

What are the legal implications?

11 This report has no specific legal implications.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Formal response of the Leeds Health and Care Partnership Executive Group to the Scrutiny Board's Statement in relation to the Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service.
- Appendix 2 – Agreed Statement of the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board in relation to the Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service (July 2023).

Background papers

- None.