

Originator: Claire Wetherill

Tel: 305 5977

REPORT OF THE Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust

MEETING: Outer South Area Committee

DATE: 25th September 2006

SUBJECT: Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Consultation

Electoral Wards Affected:

All

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic Minorities

Women

Disabled People

Executive Function <input type="checkbox"/>	Council Function <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligible for Call In <input type="checkbox"/>	Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
--	---	--	---

1.0 Executive Summary

Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust are applying for foundation trust status. This will give us the freedom to run our own affairs while remaining fully within the NHS. We will be accountable to local people and to an independent regulator, Monitor. This will allow us to be more responsive to local needs and to pursue necessary improvements in services.

2.0 Background

We have a well established history of listening to the views of our service users and carers. By becoming a foundation trust we will be able to develop how we work together in a more formal way and give you real powers to shape the future of the Trust.

3.0 Proposal

3.1 This is an exciting time for anyone connected to us and will provide our service users, carers, staff and the people of Leeds with an opportunity to have a greater say about how our services develop.

3.2 As part of your community, our ambition over the coming years is for people to choose us because we always deliver the best mental health and learning disability care, and we hope you will join us in this vision.

4.0 Recommendations & List

The Area Committee are asked to advise /comment on:

- 4.1 How local peoples views will be heard e.g. the membership proposals of the new foundation trust, How we involve service users, carers, staff and other local people
- 4.2 Our future plans for how we develop and deliver our services.
- 4.3 Any issues that may be of concern to the committee regarding becoming a Foundation Trust.

5.0 Further Reading

- 5.1 Please see the brief guide for details about the consultation, our proposals and formal feedback form.
- 5.2 Should you want to find out more about the Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust, please visit: www.leedsmentalhealth.nhs.uk
- 5.3 Should you want to find out more about Foundation Trusts please visit: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/OrganisationPolicy/SecondaryCare/NHSFoundationTrust/fs/en>