



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care)

Date: 19^h July 2010

Subject: Inquiry into Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems– Draft Report

Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the 6th of May 2009 meeting the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) expressed their concern about the level of support for those individuals detained under the Mental Health Act and then discharged into the community. The Board stated their interest in holding a major inquiry in relation to Mental Health Services for working aged adults at its meeting on the 17th of June 2009.
- 1.2 The inquiry was undertaken with representation and participation from members of the Health Scrutiny Board. This Inquiry has now concluded and the Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered.
- 1.3 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 14.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised".
- 1.4 The Directors of Adult Social Services, Resources, Environment and Neighbourhoods, the Director of Care Services & Chief Nurse (Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust) and the Executive Board Member for Health and Social Care have been invited to provide advice.

It has been confirmed by the Directory of Environment and Neighbourhoods that in relation to paragraph 36 of the report the joint protocol has been published, which was launched on the 29th June 2010. A copy of this protocol is attached as appendix 2.

Appendix 3 highlights the reduction in delayed hospital discharge due to housing. With regard to Recommendation 1, The Director of Care Services & Chief Nurse (LPFT) has confirmed that LPFT has already signed up to the Mindful employee initiative and works within the respective guidance and principles. Leeds City Council is looking to sign up to the Mindful Employer initiative in the very near future. With regard to Recommendation 2, Leeds City Council is commissioning Mental Health First Aid training corporately. Work is being undertaken to secure the funding to enable the roll this training during 2010/11.

- 1.5 Once the Scrutiny Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to respond to the recommendations which will be reported by the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development to the Executive Board within three months.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to agree its inquiry report on Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems.

3.0 Background Papers

- 3.1 None