

SCRUTINY BOARD (ADULT SOCIAL CARE)

OVERSIGHT OF THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE CRISIS CENTRE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its February 2011 meeting Members received a request from Scrutiny from Leeds Local Involvement Network (LINK) concerning the proposal to decommission the Crisis Centre. At this meeting it was agreed that the Board would review 'the exit strategy' for the Centre and the decommissioning process.
- 1.2 This decision was reaffirmed by Members at the Call In meeting of 4th March 2011.

2.0 Scope of the inquiry

- 2.1 The purpose of the Inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on the following areas:
- To hear evidence and have described what alternative provision is in place for those who might or have used the Crisis Centre.
 - To hear evidence and have described the service users experience of the help they have received from those alternative services for those who might or have used the Crisis service
 - To hear evidence and have described the work to improve the awareness of current NHS pathways and the alternative provision available
 - To hear evidence and have described the work done in disseminating knowledge of alternative pathways for support to users and potential users.
 - To have described the Exit strategy for staff
- 2.2 Issues around the consultation prior to the decision to decommission the Centre are to be dealt with in a separate Inquiry.
- 2.3 Because of the nature of this 'oversight work' the Scrutiny Board may feel it appropriate to offer recommendations to Adult Social Care and NHS Leeds throughout the process rather than submit a final report.

3.0 Comments of the Executive Member Adult Health and Social Care and Director of Adult Social Care

- 3.1 The views of the Executive Member and Director have been sought and incorporated where appropriate into these Terms of Reference.

4.0 Timetable for the inquiry

- 4.1 The review will take place over a number of sessions. The timing of these sessions will depend on the decommissioning programme. It is acknowledged that the review will go into the 2011/12 municipal year. Also the development of alternative provision – i.e. the expansion of Increasing Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) – will take considerable time.
- 4.2 An initial update will be required for April 13th 2011 meeting.

5.0 Witnesses

- 5.1 The following witnesses have been identified as possible contributors to the Inquiry:

Appropriate officers from Adult Social Care
Representatives from LINK
Representatives from NHS Leeds
Representatives from *SaveLeedsCrisisCentre*
Representatives from Leeds Hospital Alert
Representatives from Community Healthcare/Community Links/Touchstone/ Leeds counselling who all provide IAPT services
Representatives of Practice Based Commissioning

6.0 Measures of success

- 6.1 It is important to consider how the Scrutiny Board will deem if its work has been successful in making a difference to local people. Some measures of success may be obvious at the initial stages of an inquiry and can be included in these terms of reference. Other measures of success may become apparent as the inquiry progresses and discussions take place.