

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)

Date: 20 February 2013

Subject: Work Schedule – February 2013

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1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the forthcoming municipal year.

2 Main issues

2.1 An updated work schedule is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration. This incorporates the areas previously discussed and identified for inclusion in the work schedule.

2.2 The following details provide a summary update of some specific areas that the Scrutiny Board has previously considered and/or requested an update. It also provides details of issues that have recently been highlighted and in which the Scrutiny Board may have a legitimate interest.

Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services

2.3 As members are aware, the scrutiny work associated with the Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services has been undertaken through a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for Yorkshire and the Humber. The JHOSC has been Chaired by the Chair of Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) and primarily supported through Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Support Office.

2.4 The outcome of the review resulted in a decision to reconfigure surgical centres that would see the closure of the existing surgical centre at the Leeds Children's Hospital within Leeds General Infirmary. The decision was made in July 2012.

2.5 The JHOSC has produced two detailed reports, published in October 2011 and November 2012 (previously presented to the Scrutiny Board), which have been used

to support a referral to the Secretary of State for Health. The Secretary of State for Health has asked the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) to undertake a review of the decision and provide its advice by 28 March 2013.

- 2.6 As part of its review, members from the IRP heard from a number of stakeholders during a two-day visit to Leeds. This included oral evidence and a lengthy discussion with members of the JHOSC on 29 January 2013.
- 2.7 The advice from the IRP and any associated decision from the Secretary of State for Health will be reported to the Scrutiny Board once these details become available. This is unlikely to be before the end of April 2013, although there are no definitive timescales once the IRP has issued its advice to the Secretary of State for Health.

A Review of NHS services for Adults with Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD)

- 2.8 As previously reported to the Scrutiny Board, following on from the Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services, a similar review relating to services to adults is currently underway.
- 2.9 In May 2012, NHS Specialised Services published a newsletter regarding the review of services for Adults with Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) and some early engagement work took place in Summer 2012 – seeking general views on a proposed model of care and the draft national designation service standards.
- 2.10 The engagement document also provided an indicative timeline for the review and subsequent decision. It was expected that national public consultation would take place in Summer/ Autumn 2013, with a decision on the future of ACHD services expected toward the end of 2013. However, recent contact with NHS Specialised Services has revealed an estimated 4/5 month slippage in the timetable.
- 2.11 A further stakeholder newsletter/ formal update was expected in late December 2012/ early January 2013. This has not yet been published.
- 2.12 It should be noted that at a future meeting, the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) is likely to be asked to consider the merits of establishing a further Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and respond to specific proposals around the ACHD review. The timing of this may be affected by a number of factors, including the overall progress of the review and any decision from the Secretary of State for Health in relation to the Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services.

Services for blind and visually impaired people across Leeds

- 2.13 Following the Scrutiny Board's consideration of issues raised by the National Federation for the Blind (Leeds and District Branch) at its previous meeting (23 January 2013), further confirmatory details of some of the issues raised have been received. This information has been passed to Adult Social Care so that a written response can be provided.
- 2.14 Plans to organise a working group meeting to consider all the information continue. Any further update on these arrangements will be provided at the meeting.

Adult Social Care – Consultation on Charging for Non-Residential Services

- 2.15 In November 2012, the Scrutiny Board asked for further information around any proposed changes to 'care ring services' as part of the overall consultation on Charging for Non-Residential Services.
- 2.16 Attached at Appendix 2 is a briefing from Adult Social Care regarding the overall consultation on Charging for Non-Residential Services and plans for taking this work forward.
- 2.17 In terms of consultation and engagement, the briefing note highlights a Members Advisory Board and a Service Expert Advisory Group. Membership details for both bodies are presented below.

Members Advisory Board	Service Expert Advisory Group
Cllr Yeadon (Chair) – Labour Group	Alliance of Service Experts and involved with previous charging reviews
Cllr Macniven – Labour Group (from June 2012)	Leeds LINK and involved with previous charging review
Cllr Latty – Conservative Group	Carers
Cllr M Hamilton - Liberal Democrats Group (to May 2012)	Carers, older people and involved with previous charging reviews
Cllr Lay - Liberal Democrats Group (from June 2012)	People with learning disabilities
Cllr A Blackburn – Green Group	Mental Health Day Services
Cllr Varley – Morley Borough Independents	Older People
	Younger physically disabled people

Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust Information

- 2.18 The NHS Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield District Cluster Board has approved a public consultation on plans to ensure local hospital services are clinically sustainable and able to provide high quality care into the future.
- 2.19 As there are some Leeds patients who border the Wakefield boundary who choose to use Mid Yorkshire Trust's services, some information about the plans and associated consultation is attached at Appendix 3.
- 2.20 It is planned to continue to keep the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) informed of activity undertaken by The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. If required, arrangements can be made for appropriate NHS representatives to meet with the Scrutiny Board to discuss the plans and consultation process in more detail.

Unplanned dental services in West Yorkshire

- 2.21 Members will be aware of the imminent abolishment of primary care trusts. As a result, the primary care commissioning function is being transferred to the West

Yorkshire Area Team (WYAT), which is a subordinate body accountable to the NHS Commissioning Board. Therefore, from 1 April 2013, all dental services will be commissioned by the WYAT, including the provision of unplanned or urgent dental services to the population of West Yorkshire.

- 2.22 At present the 5 former West Yorkshire Primary Care Trusts (PCT) areas: Bradford & Airedale; Leeds; Calderdale; Kirklees; and Wakefield, each have an existing unplanned or urgent dental service operating within their current boundaries. Each of these service contracts comes to end on 31 March 2014, after which the primary care commissioners in the WYAT will need to ensure that these services are re-procured. It should be noted that there is a certain degree of variation in unplanned or urgent dental services currently commissioned across the 5 former West Yorkshire PCT areas.
- 2.23 As the provision of unplanned or urgent dental care services has to be re-procured/ commissioned in April 2014, the NHS is keen to proactively undertake a review of the existing services in each area, with a view to develop and design a unified and standardised unplanned or urgent dental care services for West Yorkshire.
- 2.24 As such, it is planned to begin engaging with stakeholders and patients from across West Yorkshire from 1 February 2013 for a period of three months. After such time, the aim is to design a fully informed unplanned or urgent dental service specification for the whole of West Yorkshire, and subsequently seek formal ratification in time for the impending procurement (planned to commence in early June 2013).
- 2.25 It is likely that the Scrutiny Board will wish to understand the context of unplanned or urgent dental services within the context of dental services overall and how these may be developed on a similar basis (i.e. across West Yorkshire). Members are also likely to want to understand the context of any proposals to change the service, compared to current provision. Consideration may also need to be given to any joint scrutiny arrangements with other West Yorkshire authorities that may be necessary.

Coroners' Rule 43 - Inquests

- 2.26 Members may be aware that the Scrutiny Board has been invited to take part in a new project - established by the National Association of LINK Members (NALM) - to gather information about Coroners' Rule 43 recommendations and the response to them by local bodies to which they are made.
- 2.27 The key objective of the project is to ensure that the actions taken - and the lessons learned as a result of these recommendations - are placed in the public arena and used as a learning tool and a source of valuable data for Local Healthwatch, Commissioners, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 2.28 The specific issues relevant to the Scrutiny Board relate to the following recommendation made by the West Yorkshire Coroner (in May 2012) to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT):

To consider a review of the role of the Delivery Suite Co-ordinator in taking responsibility for arranging a doctor's review of transfers from the ante-natal ward to the delivery suite, if there are suspicious or pathological traces:

undertaking an independent review if a patient with a pathological trace is reported by a midwife and whether doctors reviewing cardiotocography traces should record categorisations.

- 2.29 LTHT has been requested to provide (a) the Trust's response to the recommendation, and (b) outline progress against any agreed actions. Any details received will be provided to members of the Scrutiny Board for consideration. Any information received is likely to help the Scrutiny Board determine whether the matter should be added and considered as a formal agenda item at a future meeting, or addressed through an alternative mechanism.
- 2.30 Nonetheless, in considering any information provided by the LTHT, members of the Scrutiny Board might equally wish to consider (any of) the following points:
- The process (locally) for disseminating Rule 43 recommendations and where the responsibility lies in terms of informing the Health and Wellbeing Board, Local HealthWatch and the Scrutiny Board.
 - While Rule 43 recommendations may not always directly relate to matters traditionally associated with public health, given the new public health responsibilities for the Council, whether or not there is a specific role for the Director of Public Health and any associated processes for raising awareness.
 - How service commissioners are made aware of these recommendations and if/how that will change under the new commissioning arrangements from April 2013.

Health and Social Care Act 2012 – Health Scrutiny Regulations

- 2.31 Following the publication of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and subsequent Department of Health consultation on the associated health scrutiny regulations and guidance, the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 were published on 8 February 2013 and are available using the following link: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/hwbs-health-scrutiny-regulations-2013/>
- 2.32 The publication of these regulations enables local authorities to finalise local preparations for health and wellbeing boards and health scrutiny arrangements. It should be noted that the Local Government Association (LGA) and Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO) are jointly publishing a practical guide to support local authorities in interpreting and implementing constitutional and governance aspects of the legislation. This will be published on their respective websites in the near future.
- 2.33 Meanwhile, officers of the Council have started to consider the detailed implications of the regulations and any further information will be provided to the Scrutiny Board as and when this becomes available.

Executive Board minutes

- 2.34 At the previous meeting, members of the Scrutiny Board considered the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held on 9 January 2013. The next Executive Board is scheduled for 15 February 2013, therefore the minutes from that meeting were not

available before the despatch of this report. The minutes from the Executive Board meeting will be made available at the meeting.

- 2.35 It should be noted that the work schedule is likely to be subject to change throughout the municipal year, to reflect any emerging issues and/or any changes in the Scrutiny Board's priorities.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the current outline work schedule and the details presented in this report and agree the work schedule, incorporating any amendments if/ where appropriate.

4 Background papers¹

None used

¹The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.