

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 27 March 2013

Subject: Work Schedule – March 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, along with some provisional issues for consideration.

2.2 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.

Update on issues considered by the Scrutiny Board

2.3 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

2.4 Members will be aware of the recent High Court ruling that found in favour of Save Our Surgery (SOS) Ltd. in its action brought against the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT), namely that:

2.5 The full judgement is attached at Appendix 2 for members' information. It should be noted that a further 'remedy hearing' is scheduled for the day of the Scrutiny Board

meeting (i.e. 27 March 2013). The judge's decision on redress is expected to be made on the day of the hearing.

- 2.6 As members are already 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.
- 2.7 The outcome of the review resulted in a decision by the JCPCT 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.
- 2.8 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 asked the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) to undertake a review of the decision and, initially, provide its advice by 28 March 2013. However, given the most recent development in the High Court, the Secretary of State for Health has written to the Chair of the IRP, extending the deadline for reporting until 30 April 2013. A copy of the letter is attached at Appendix 3 for information.
- 2.9 The JHOSC is meeting again on 10 April 2013 where it will not only consider the implications of the outcome of the remedy hearing, but also consider how the implementation phase of the review is being taken forward. At that meeting, the JHOSC will also consider whether or not it wishes to make any further representation to the IRP.

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

- 2.10 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.
- 2.11 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.
- 2.12 At the meeting in February 2013, members of the Scrutiny Board were provided with a further stakeholder newsletter published in February 2013. Since that meeting, further contact has been made with NHS Specialised Services requesting a formal response to a number of issues, including the following:
 - (a) Under the new working arrangements, which part of the NHS will be responsible for taking forward the review?
 - (b) Notwithstanding overall responsibility for the review, will aspects of the review be discharged to other bodies? If so, which ones and how will these be established?

- (c) What will be the overall governance and decision-making arrangements for the review?
- (d) Please confirm the revised review timetable.
- (e) Please confirm when further stakeholder newsletters are planned.

2.13 While the request for the information has been acknowledged, a substantive response has not yet been received. Members will be advised of any response as soon as practicable.

2.14 As previously reported, 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

2.15 A working group meeting is planned to take place on 21 March 2013, involving representatives from the National Federation of the Blind (Leeds and District Branch) and officers from Adult Social Care. An update from the working group will be provided at the meeting.

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

2.16 Further to the briefing note from Adult Social Care presented at the meeting in February 2013, a report detailing the outcome of the consultation is presented elsewhere on the agenda for consideration. As set out in that report, a working group meeting is proposed for 12 April 2013.

Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust Information

2.17 As previously reported, the NHS Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield District Cluster Board approved a public consultation on plans to ensure local hospital services are clinically sustainable and able to provide high quality care into the future.

2.18 The formal 12-week public consultation commenced on 4 March 2013 and will run until 31 May 2013. Copies of the consultation document are available on request.

2.19 As previously reported, 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

2.20 As reported to the previous Scrutiny Board, 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.

- 2.21 With the imminent abolishment of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs), the West Yorkshire Area Team (WYAT), which is a subordinate body accountable to the NHS Commissioning Board, will become responsible for commissioning all dental services from 1 April 2013, including the provision of unplanned or urgent dental services to the population of West Yorkshire.
- 2.22 Engagement with stakeholders and patients from across West Yorkshire commenced on 1 February 2013 for a period of three months. The aim being to design an 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).
- 2.23 Since the last Scrutiny Board meeting, there has been limited progress in establishing arrangements for members to consider the proposals and potential implications for Leeds' patients. Any further progress will be reported to the meeting.

Coroners' Rule 43 - Inquests

- 2.24 Further to the details presented to the previous meeting, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) has provided details of the Trust's response to the recommendation and an outline of progress against any agreed actions.
- 2.25 Arrangements for providing this information to members of the Scrutiny Board as being considered, in 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.

Executive Board minutes

- 2.26 Executive Board minutes from the meeting held on 13 March 2013 are attached to this report for information/ consideration.

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.