



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care)

Date: 2nd April 2007

Subject: Review of the Protocol between the Scrutiny Board and NHS bodies in Leeds.

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the Board's February 2007 meeting, Members agreed to review the existing protocol between the Scrutiny Board and NHS bodies in Leeds, with particular focus around consultation processes.
- 1.2 A copy of the existing protocol is attached for Members' consideration.
- 1.3 The Centre for Public Scrutiny has also produced a guide to help clarify the roles of Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSCs) considering health issues and how they relate to consultations on substantial variations and developments of health services. The guide also aims to encourage and enable OSCs and NHS bodies to reach agreement on what constitutes 'substantial' within their local context. Relevant extracts from this guide are attached for Members' information.
- 1.4 Representatives from local NHS Trusts have been invited to today's meeting to contribute to the Board's review of the existing protocol.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is asked to review the existing Protocol between the Scrutiny Board and NHS bodies in Leeds and to identify any necessary changes.