



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care)

Date: 31 July 2013

Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Dermatology

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present a Request for Scrutiny submitted by Leeds Dermatology Patient's Panel (LDPP), regarding perceived shortages in acute medicine and the proposals of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) in response.

2 Main issues

Request for Scrutiny

- 2.1 A Request for Scrutiny has been submitted by Leeds Dermatology Patient's Panel (LDPP). A copy of the letter to the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care), dated 8 July 2013, is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 A copy of the letter has been provided to the following NHS bodies, with a request for an initial response to the issues raised.
- Each of the three Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups¹ (CCGs); and,
 - Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT).
- 2.3 Copies of any initial responses received will be provided ahead of/ at the Scrutiny Board meeting.
- 2.4 A copy of the letter, along with a request for initial comments, has also been shared with HealthWatch Leeds to ensure there is wide awareness across local bodies that

¹ It is recognised that Leeds West CCG is the lead commissioner for issues relating to LTHT and may provide a response to reflect the views of all three CCGs.

may have a legitimate interest in the issues raised and to help avoid or mitigate duplication of effort.

2.5 Any comments received from HealthWatch Leeds will be provided ahead of/ at the Scrutiny Board meeting.

2.6 To help the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) consider this Request for Scrutiny, representatives from LDPP have been invited to the meeting to outline the issues raised in more detail and address any questions/ queries that may be raised by the Scrutiny Board.

3 Considerations and options for investigations and inquiries

3.1 The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.

3.2 At its meeting on 21 June 2013, a number of potential topics/ work programme areas were highlighted and discussed as potential matters for the work programme. At that meeting the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) identified the following themes to form the broad direction of the its work programme for 2013/14:

- Narrowing the Gap;
- Service quality;
- Urgent and emergency care;
- Progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status;
- Information flows/ data sharing

3.3 The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) may wish to take these areas into account when considering the Request for Scrutiny. The Scrutiny Board may also wish to consider:

- Whether or not any further information is required before determining whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;
- Whether or not a similar or related issue is already being examined, or has been considered recently;
- The significance of the matter raised, and whether or not there is sufficient potential for the Scrutiny Board to produce realistic recommendations that could lead to tangible improvements;
- The impact of the Request for Scrutiny on the Scrutiny Board's current workload, specifically in terms of:
 - The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
 - The level of resources available to the Scrutiny Board and/or required to carry out further scrutiny.
- How and when any further scrutiny work may be undertaken.

4 Recommendations

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the Request for Scrutiny, alongside any initial response from Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and/or HealthWatch Leeds; and,
- (ii) Determine what, if any, further scrutiny activity should be undertaken; including how and when (if appropriate) such activity should take place.

5 Background papers²

5.1 None used

² The 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.