

**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: Aspiring NHS Foundation Trusts in Leeds – progress and implications**

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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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present an update on progress and the implications of current NHS Trusts in Leeds working towards and achieving Foundation Trust status.

**2 Background**

2.1 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

2.2 Following the previous Scrutiny Board meeting, in relation to progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status, relevant organisations were invited to attend the July meeting to outline its plans, progress, implications and general trajectory associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status.

2.3 As such, the purpose of this report is to present an update on progress and the implications of current NHS Trusts in Leeds working towards and achieving Foundation Trust status.

### **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Currently, Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is the sole NHS Foundation Trust in Leeds, with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) and Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH) working towards achieving NHS Foundation Trust status.
- 3.2 As part of the overall changes to the NHS structure, arising from the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the closure of strategic health authorities and the introduction of the NHS Trust Development Authority (NTDA) saw the authorisation process to become a foundation trust change from 1 April 2013.
- 3.3 In addition to general progress of local NHS Trust working towards achieving foundation trust status, this report seeks to provide an overview of the role and function of the NTDA and the foundation trust authorisation process. As such, the following information is appended to this report:
- Details from the NHS Trust Development Authority (NTDA) – Appendix 1, including:
    - Presentation slides from NTDA Portfolio Director
    - NTDA publication – Introducing the NTDA (September 2012)
    - NTDA publication – Accountability framework for NHS Trust Boards (April 2013)
    - NTDA publication – Planning guidance for NHS Trust Boards for 2013/14 (December 2012)
  - An update paper from Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH)
  - Report of the Interim Chief Executive to the LTHT Board (June 2013)
- 3.4 Representatives from the following bodies/ organisations have been invited to attend to present and expand on the information provided and contribute to the meeting/discussion:
- NHS Trust Development Authority (NTDA);
  - Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH);
  - Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT); and,
  - Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

### **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to:
- 4.1.1 Consider the content of this report, its appendices and the discussion at the meeting and identify any specific matters that require further and/or more detailed scrutiny;
- 4.1.2 Agree the timing of any further scrutiny activity and/or update reports.

### **5 Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

- 5.1 None used

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<sup>1</sup> 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.