

## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Report to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber)

**Date: 13 September 2013**

**Subject: Safe and Sustainable Proposals for Children's Congenital Cardiac Services in England: Advice from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP)**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Not applicable		
Appendix number: Not applicable		

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to formally present the advice of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) reported to the Secretary of State for Health on 30 April 2013.

### Background

2. In November 2012, the Joint HOSC formally referred proposals for Children's Congenital Cardiac Services in England, agreed by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) following the Safe and Sustainable Review, to the Secretary of State for Health. The referral was subsequently passed to the IRP for consideration, review and advice.
3. The IRP concluded its review of the Safe and Sustainable proposals (and the associated referrals by Health Overview and Scrutiny bodies) and reported its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of State for Health on 30 April 2013.

### Main issues and considerations

4. On 12 June 2013, an announcement from the Secretary of State for Health called a halt to the previous Safe and Sustainable review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services in England. The IRP's full report and appendices, alongside a covering letter from the Secretary of State for Health, are attached to this report for consideration.

5. Details associated with the new review of congenital heart services in England are presented elsewhere on the agenda.
6. It should be noted that representatives from the IRP were invited to attend the meeting to present its report. However, this invitation to attend was declined as this would not *'...fit comfortably with our terms of reference as set out by the Secretary of State for Health. Our advice on Safe and Sustainable was commissioned by SofS and that is who we reported to. Advice was submitted on 30 April 2013 and that is the end of our involvement.'*

## **Recommendations**

7. That the Joint HOSC:
  - a. Notes the IRP's report and recommendations, as presented.
  - b. Considers and comments on the IRP's report and recommendations (as appropriate) and identifies any specific action points in terms of the new review of congenital heart services in England and/or any scrutiny activity necessary at this stage.

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

8. 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.