

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 30 April 2014

Subject: NHS Specialised Services: Impact assessment of proposed changes to specific service specifications

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<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 provide an opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to further consider and formally respond to consultation around proposed changes to 14 Specialised Service specifications.

2 Background

- 2.1 NHS Specialised Services are those services provided in relatively few hospitals, to catchment populations of more than one million people. The number of patients accessing these services is small, and a critical mass of patients is needed in each treatment centre in order to achieve the best outcomes and maintain the clinical competence of NHS staff.
- 2.2 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 set out the following four factors that should be taken into consideration when determining which prescribed specialised services should be directly commissioned by the NHS England:
- The number of individuals who require the provision of the service or facility;
 - The cost of providing the service or facility;
 - The number of persons able to provide the service or facility; and
 - The financial implications for Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) if they were required to arrange for the provision of the service or facility
- 2.3 At its previous meeting in March 2014, the Scrutiny Board considered NHS England's plans for developing a 5-year Strategy for Specialised Services, alongside proposed changes to 14 Specialised Service specifications.
- 2.4 In discussing the proposed changes to the identified (14) specialised service specifications, Members raised concerns around the consultation approach and the

lack of details around the impact, implications and significance of the proposed changes.

- 2.5 In response, representative from NHS England offered to provide an analysis of the impact, implications and significance of the proposed changes (specifically in relation to Yorkshire and the Humber) by 11 April 2014, for future consideration by the Scrutiny Board.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The impact analysis work undertaken and submitted by NHS England (South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Area team) is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration.
- 3.2 Representatives from NHS England and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) have been invited to the meeting to contribute to the discussion and assist members in considering the details presented.
- 3.3 In addition, bodies responsible for patient transport (i.e. Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Embrace) have been invited to provide details of any specific issues associated with transportation of patients and associated services. Any information provided will be shared with the Scrutiny Board and (if appropriate) representatives invited to attend the meeting to address any questions from the Scrutiny Board.
- 3.4 It should be noted that consultation on the identified service specifications will run until 21 May 2014. Any submission from the Scrutiny Board should be submitted by this deadline.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to consider the information presented and:
- 4.1.1 Agree any specific comments to be included in a formal consultation response to the proposals under consideration.
- 4.1.2 Identify any specific matters that require further and/or more detailed scrutiny.

5 Background papers¹

- 5.1 None used

¹ 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.