

## Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

**Date: 17 October 2014**

### **Subject: Independent Reconfiguration Panel Report and Recommendations – progress update**

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
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 update the Committee on NHS England's progress against the Independent Reconfiguration Panel Report and Recommendations (April 2013) in relation to the Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Heart Surgery Services in England.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 In March 2011, the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) – the JHOSC – was specifically established to consider the Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Heart Surgery Services in England and respond to proposed services changes and reconfiguration options.
- 2.2 The JHOSC completed and published two reports (October 2011 and November 2012), which formed the basis of a referral to the Secretary of State for Health in November 2012. The matter was subsequently referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) and its report was completed in April 2013. In June 2013, the Secretary of State for Health accepted the IRP report and recommendations in full, calling a halt to the former Safe and Sustainable review.
- 2.3 The new Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) review, covering the whole lifetime pathway of care, commenced in July 2013. Progress of the new review and, specifically, consultation around proposed CHD service standards and specifications is considered elsewhere on the agenda.

### **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 As mentioned above, as part of its consideration of the Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Heart Surgery Services in England, the JHOSC completed and published two reports (October 2011 and November 2012). A summary of the JHOSC's recommendations from October 2011 is provided at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Both of the JHOSC's reports formed the basis of a referral to the Secretary of State for Health in November 2012. The matter was subsequently referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) and its report was completed in April 2013. A summary of the recommendations is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 In June 2013, the Secretary of State for Health accepted the IRP report and recommendations in full, calling a halt to the former Safe and Sustainable review. The new CHD review – taking account of the IRP findings and recommendations and covering the whole lifetime pathway of care – commenced in July 2013.
- 3.4 Details of how NHS England has taken account of the IRP findings and recommendations are attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.5 Representatives from the new CHD review team and NHS England have been invited to attend the meeting to outline progress and address any associated questions from the JHOSC.

### **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 The JHOSC is asked to consider the details attached to this report and identify any specific matters that may require further scrutiny.

### **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.