

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 3 November 2014

Subject: The New Congenital Heart Disease Review – NHS England response to issues raised during discussions with key stakeholders

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow the Committee to raise any specific matters identified with NHS England in light of the Committee's discussion with a range of key stakeholders.

2 Background

- 2.1 In June 2013, the Secretary of State for Health accepted a report and recommendations (in full) from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) and called a halt to the former Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Heart Surgery Services in England.
- 2.2 The new CHD review, covering the whole lifetime pathway of care, commenced in July 2013.
- 2.3 A 12-week public consultation process around proposed CHD service specifications and draft standards commenced on 15 September 2014. The consultation period closes at 5:00pm on 8 December 2014.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Elsewhere on the agenda, the Committee will have considered the input / initial response to the proposed service specifications and draft standards from the following organisations:

- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust – the Embrace service (a specialist, round-the-clock transport service for critically ill infants and children in Yorkshire and the Humber who require care in another hospital in the region or further afield)
- Children's Heart Surgery Fund

3.2 Representatives from NHS England have been invited to attend the meeting to address any specific matters identified by the Committee and/or that might arise during discussions with the above organisations.

4 Recommendations

4.1 The JHOSC is asked to consider this report and the issues discussed at the meeting and identify any specific matters that might inform its response to the public consultation.

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.