

**Report of Head of Governance Services**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)**

**Date: 22 November 2016**

**Subject: Children’s Epilepsy Surgery Services – update on decision**

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 provide an opportunity to formally update the Scrutiny Board on any decisions following NHS England’s review and public consultation on the future provision of Children’s Epilepsy Surgery Services in England.

**2 Main issues**

2.1 At its meeting on 4 October 2016, the Board was advised that the NHS England’s Specialised Services Sub-Committee had met on 27 September 2016 to consider the review of Children’s Epilepsy Surgery Services in England and consider the proposed future provision of services.

2.2 At its meeting on 25 October 2016, it had been hoped the outcome of the NHS England’s decision would have been published in order for the Scrutiny Board to start to consider any local/ regional impact for children and families. However, notification of the decision had not been made available. At that meeting, the Scrutiny Board expressed concern about the continued delay by NHS England to publish its decision on the future delivery of services and it was suggested that NHS England be invited to attend the November Board meeting to outline its decision and/or the decision making process and the reasons for any continued delay. As such, the Scrutiny Board resolved:

- (a) That NHS England be invited to attend the November Board meeting to outline its decision on the future delivery of services and/or the decision making process and the reasons for any continued delay.

(b) That the Board writes to local MPs to highlight its concerns regarding the continued delay.

- 2.3 Following the meeting on 25 October 2016, a letter was sent to all Leeds MPs on behalf of the Scrutiny, setting out the Scrutiny Board's on-going concerns. NHS England was also invited to provide a representative to attend the November Board meeting.
- 2.4 NHS England's attendance has been confirmed. However, at the time of writing this report, notification of NHS England's decision is still to be published. Further details will be provided at the meeting.
- 2.5 Given the ongoing nature of this matter, an outline timeline, detailing Scrutiny's involvement to date, is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the information provided and determine any further scrutiny activity that may be required.

### **4. Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

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.