

Review of Congenital Heart Disease in England

Timeline (from January 2011)

| Event | Date |
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| Regional Health Scrutiny Network meeting, supported by Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) including a discussion around Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Surgery Services and the establishment of a Joint Scrutiny Committee to consider the proposals and respond to any consultation. Chaired by Cllr Mark Dobson. | January 2011 |
| Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) agrees outline business case and basis for public consultation | February 2011 |
| Public consultation around the future of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England launched | March 2011 |
| Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and Humber) (Joint HOSC) formally established | March 2011 |
| New JHOSC Chair appointed (Cllr Mulherin) | May 2011 |
| Consultation period for HOSCs extended to October 2011 | June 2011 |
| Public consultation on proposals closes | July 2011 |
| Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust granted a judicial review on options for consultation | July 2011 |
| JHOSC submits consultation response | October 2011 |
| Consultation period for HOSCs closes | October 2011 |
| JHOSC submits formal report to JCPCT | October 2011 |
| JHOSC refers matter to Secretary of State on basis of inadequate consultation | October 2011 |
| Judicial review finds in favour of Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust | November 2011 |
| JCPCT lodges appeal against judicial review ruling | November 2011 |
| JHOSC referral passed to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) for initial advice | December 2011 |

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| JCPCT granted leave to appeal against judicial review | January 2012 |
| Secretary of State for Health accepts IRP initial assessment of JHOSC referral. No full review undertaken | February 2012 |
| Court of Appeal hearing | March 2012 |
| Judicial Review ruling over-turned on appeal | April 2012 |
| JHOSC Statement: Testing the assumptions around patient flows and manageable clinical networks | April 2012 |
| New JHOSC Chair appointed (Cllr Illingworth) | May 2012 |
| JCPCT decision-making meeting | July 2012 |
| JHOSC agrees (in principal) to formally refer the JCPCT decision to the Secretary of State for Health | July 2012 |
| Children's Heart Surgery Fund (CHSF) commences proceedings against JCPCT decision. Action brought by Save Our Surgery Ltd. | September 2012 |
| Secretary of State for Health announce full IRP review of JCPCT decision | October 2012 |
| JHOSC finalise referral to Secretary of State for Health, which is incorporated into full review | November 2012 |
| IRP meeting with JHOSC | January 2013 |
| Judicial Review hearing | February 2013 |
| High Court ruling finds in favour of Save Our Surgery Ltd. and states JCPCT decision unlawful and fundamentally flawed | March 2013 |
| Temporary suspension of Children's Cardiac Surgery at LTHT (following visit from Sir Bruce Keogh) | March 2013 |
| Rapid review of services at LTHT. Report considered by risk summit and decision to recommence Children's Cardiac Surgery at LTHT | April 2013 |

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| NHS England announces second stage review of Children's Cardiac Surgery Services at LTHT. Review to include 3 elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortality review; • Parental/ family concerns; • Professional concerns (from other units) | April 2013 |
| NHS England announce decision to appeal against the High Court ruling | April 2013 |
| IRP report issued to Secretary of State for Health | April 2013 |
| Secretary of State for Health accepts IRP report, findings and recommendations in full and 'halts' Safe & Sustainable review | June 2013 |
| NHS England submit proposals for undertaking a new review covering congenital heart services to both children and adults. | July 2013 |
| New Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) review commences. Target date for completion June 2014 | July 2013 |
| JHOSC agrees revised / new Terms of Reference | December 2013 |
| NHS England publishes elements of the second stage review of Children's Cardiac Surgery Services at LTHT, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortality review; and, • Parental/ family concerns (published as 'Family Experience') | March 2014 |
| NHS England advise JHOSC that third element of second stage review (i.e. covering professional concerns (from other units)) to be completed and published mid-May 2014 | April 2014 |
| New JHOSC Chair appointed (Cllr Coupar) | May 2014 |
| NHS England report best case scenario for consultation launch on standards as mid/late September 2014. | June 2014 |
| Public consultation around proposed CHD service standards and specifications commences. | September 2014 |
| JHOSC advised that third element of second stage review (i.e. covering professional concerns (from other units)) to be completed and published November 2014 | October 2014 |

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| NHSE publishes third element of second stage review (i.e. covering professional concerns (from other units)) and overarching report. | October 2014 |
| JHOSC considers third element of second stage review (i.e. covering professional concerns (from other units)) and overarching report. | November 2014 |
| JHOSC considers proposed CHD service standards and specifications and input of stakeholders. | November 2014 |
| JHOSC submits its response to the proposed CHD service standards and specifications | December 2014 |
| Public consultation around proposed CHD service standards and specifications closes. | December 2014 |
| New JHOSC Chair appointed (Cllr Gruen) | May 2015 |
| NHSE agree the proposed model of care, and desirable standards and service specifications. | July 2015 |
| NHS England publishes proposed actions to ensure hospital trusts providing CHD services complied with the agreed standards – subject to any necessary public consultation. | July 2016 |
| NHSE launches public consultation on implementing new standards for CHD services in England (due to close 9 June 2017). | February 2017 |
| General Election announced. | April 2017 |
| New JHOSC Chair appointed (Cllr Hayden) | May 2017 |
| NHSE extend consultation period (due to General Election and ‘purdah’ period) to 17 June 2017. | May 2017 |
| JHOSC meets to consider proposals and submits response. | June 2017 |
| NHSE decision on future delivery of CHD services (30 November 2017). | November 2017 |
| JHOSC review of NHSE decision and local implications (planned meeting 12 January 2018) | January 2018 |

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