

# JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER)

## RECONFIGURATION OF CHILDREN'S CONGENITAL HEART SERVICES IN ENGLAND

### PROPOSED ACTION PLAN AND TIMETABLE

#### **Purpose**

To provide a draft action plan and indicative timetable for the work of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) in:

- Considering the proposed reconfiguration of children's congenital heart surgery services in England; and,
- Producing a consultation response and/or scrutiny report in relation to the proposed reconfiguration of children's congenital heart surgery services in England;

#### **Background**

At its previous meeting on 14 March 2011, the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) agreed its terms of reference for considering the proposed reconfiguration of children's congenital heart surgery services in England. The main actions within the terms of reference include consideration of the:

- Review process and formulation of options presented for consultation;
- Projected improvements in patient outcomes and experience;
- Likely impact on children and their families (in the short, medium and longer-term), in particular in terms of access to services and travel times;
- Views of local service users and/or their representatives;
- Potential implications and impact on the health economy and the economy in general, on a local and regional basis;
- Any other pertinent matters that arise as part of the Committee's inquiry.

At that same meeting, the Joint Committee was advised that current public consultation exercise was seeking to establish views across four specific areas, namely:

- Clinical Standards – the proposed new clinical standards that must be met by all NHS hospitals designated to provide heart surgery for children.
- Clinical Networks – the development of Congenital Heart Networks across England that would comprise all of the NHS services that provide care to children with Congenital Heart Disease and their families.
- Surgical Centres – a proposed reduction in the number of NHS hospitals in England that provide heart surgery for children.
- Measuring Quality – proposed new systems for the analysis and reporting of outcomes (i.e. mortality and morbidity data) relating to treatments for children with Congenital Heart Disease.

Outline timetable

Action	Input from	When	How
Review process and formulation of options presented for consultation;	Specialised Commissioning Group (Yorkshire and the Number)	March – June 2011	Written reports/ briefings and attendance at appropriate meetings of the Joint HOSC. Response to written questions (where appropriate)
	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)	March – June 2011	
	Safe and Sustainable Team	April – June 2011	
	Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts	April – June 2011	
Projected improvements in patient outcomes and experience;	Specialised Commissioning Group (Yorkshire and the Number)	March – June 2011	Written reports/ briefings and attendance at appropriate meetings of the Joint HOSC. Response to written questions (where appropriate)
	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)	March – June 2011	
	Safe and Sustainable Team	April – June 2011	
	Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts	April – June 2011	
	Yorkshire and the Number Congenital Cardiac Network	April – June 2011	
	Embrace Yorkshire and Humberside Infant and Children Transport Service	April – June 2011	
	GP Consortia / local Primary Care Trusts	April – May 2011	Invitation to provide written response / comments
	Hospital Trusts across the region	April – June 2011	
	Directors of Public Health	April – June 2011	
	Professional bodies	April – June 2011	
	<i>Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, Liverpool</i>	<i>April – June 2011</i>	<i>Invitation to provide written response / comments – TBC</i>
	<i>Freeman Hospital, Newcastle</i>	<i>April – June 2011</i>	

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Action	Input from	When	How
Likely impact on children and their families (in the short, medium and longer-term), in particular in terms of access to services and travel times;	Specialised Commissioning Group (Yorkshire and the Number)	March – June 2011	Written reports/ briefings and attendance at appropriate meetings of the Joint HOSC. Response to written questions (where appropriate)
	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)	March – June 2011	
	Safe and Sustainable Team	April – June 2011	
	Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts	April – June 2011	
	Yorkshire and the Number Congenital Cardiac Network	April – June 2011	
	Embrace Yorkshire and Humberside Infant and Children Transport Service	April – June 2011	
	GP Consortia / local Primary Care Trusts	April – May 2011	Invitation to provide written response / comments
	Hospital Trusts across the region	April – June 2011	
	Directors of Public Health	April – June 2011	
	Professional bodies	April – June 2011	
	Local Involvement Networks	April – June 2011	
	Parents/ parent groups (including Children's Heart Surgery Fund)	March – June 2011	Invitation to provide written response / comments. Attendance at appropriate meetings of the Joint HOSC.
	<i>Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool</i>	<i>April – June 2011</i>	
<i>Freeman Hospital, Newcastle</i>	<i>April – June 2011</i>	<i>Invitation to provide written response / comments – TBC</i>	

Views of local service users and/or their representatives;	Local Involvement Networks	April – June 2011	Invitation to provide written response / comments
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	Parents/ parent groups (including Children's Heart Surgery Fund)	March – June 2011	Invitation to provide written response / comments. Attendance at appropriate meetings of the Joint HOSC.
Potential implications and impact on the health economy and the economy in general, on a local and regional basis;	Specialised Commissioning Group (Yorkshire and the Number)	March – June 2011	Written reports/ briefings and attendance at appropriate meetings of the Joint HOSC. Response to written questions (where appropriate)
	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)	March – June 2011	
	Yorkshire and the Number Congenital Cardiac Network	April – June 2011	
	Embrace Yorkshire and Humberside Infant and Children Transport Service	April – June 2011	
	GP Consortia / local Primary Care Trusts	April – June 2011	Invitation to provide written response / comments
	Local MPs	April – June 2011	
	Local Authorities (Leaders, Relevant Executive Board Members, Chief Executives, other Appropriate senior officers)	April – June 2011	

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Any other pertinent matters that arise as part of the Committee's inquiry.			
(1) Patient and public involvement and engagement	Safe and Sustainable Team	April – June 2011	Written reports/ briefings and attendance at appropriate meetings of the Joint HOSC. Response to written questions (where appropriate)  Particular reference to: (1) The CHF commissioned focus group and survey work – outcomes, robustness, interpretation and use (2) Consultation plan/ strategy
	Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts	April – June 2011	
	Children Heart Federation	April – June 2011	

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