

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 19 December 2011

Subject: Review of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England: Additional Information

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: Not applicable Appendix number: Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee HOSC (Yorkshire and the Humber) forms the statutory overview and scrutiny body to consider and respond to the proposed reconfiguration of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England – taking into account the potential impact on children and families across the region.
2. The Joint HOSC submitted its formal consultation response to the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) on 5 October 2011. A formal report was subsequently submitted to the JCPCT on 10 October 2011. In line with the *Overview and Scrutiny of Health – Guidance (Department of Health (DH) (July 2003))* a formal written response to the report and its recommendations within 28 days of receipt was requested.
3. During its inquiry, the Joint HOSC identified some specific concerns in relation to the consultation process and the availability of a range of information it considered necessary in order to fully consider the proposals and the implications for children and families across Yorkshire and the Humber.
4. On a number of occasions during the inquiry, the Joint HOSC requested that a range of information be made available prior to the 5 October 2011 consultation deadline, which can be summarised as:
 - The detailed breakdown of assessment scores for surgical centres produced by the Independent Expert Panel (chaired by Sir Ian Kennedy);
 - A finalised Health Impact Assessment report;

- A detailed breakdown of information on the likely impacts on identified vulnerable groups across Yorkshire and the Humber referred to in the Health Impact Assessment (interim report);
 - The Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) report that tested the assumed patient travel flows under each of the four options presented for public consultation;
5. With its report, *Scrutiny Inquiry Report: Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services (October 2011)*, the Joint HOSC reserved the right to make further comment if/ when additional information became available.
6. Since 5 October 2011, the following additional information has been considered by the JCPCT and made publicly available.
- Testing assumptions for future patient flows and manageable clinical networks (PwC final report – October 2011)
 - Report (and associated letter) of Sir Ian Kennedy's panel in response to questions made by the JCPCT (17 October 2011)
 - Report of Dr Patricia Hamilton CBE, Chair of the Safe and Sustainable Steering Group, on behalf of Steering Group members (17 October 2011)
7. These detail are appended to this report for consideration by the Joint HOSC

Recommendations

8. Members of the Joint HOSC are asked to consider the additional information presented and determine what, if any, additional scrutiny action should follow.

Background documents

- Overview and Scrutiny of Health – Guidance (Department of Health (DH) (July 2003)
- A new vision for Children's Congenital Heart Services in England (March 2011)
- Scrutiny Inquiry Report: Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services (October 2011)