

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: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) - update

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 considered a wide range of evidence and heard from a variety of witnesses. This included the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
4. Since the submission of the Joint HOSC’s inquiry report, a range of additional information has become available and is presented elsewhere on the agenda for consideration.
5. The recent High Court judgement (also presented elsewhere on the agenda) has led to a delay in the anticipated review timetable. To help maintain an overview of any impact on the current service provider (i.e. LTHT), representatives from the Trust have been invited to attend the meeting and update members of the Joint HOSC.

Recommendations

6. Members of the Joint HOSC are asked to note the update provided 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)