

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care)

Date: 21 November 2012

Subject: Review of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England: Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) – referral to the Secretary of State for Health (draft report)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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 purpose of this report is to present the draft report of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) to support its referral of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts’ (JCPCT) decision around the reconfiguration of Children’s Congenital Cardiac Surgical Centres across England.
2. The Joint HOSC is scheduled to meet on 16 November 2012 to consider its draft report, which is attached for consideration by the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care).

Background

3. Proposals around the future of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England were launched for public consultation on 1 March 2011, running until 1 July 2011.
4. In October 2011, the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) (Joint HOSC) agreed its consultation response and a detailed report. The Joint HOSC subsequently referred its formal report to the Secretary of State for Health on the basis of inadequate consultation.
5. At its meeting on 4 July 2012, the JCPCT agreed consultation Option B for implementation and the designation of congenital heart networks led by the following surgical centres:
 - Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Alder Hey Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 - Birmingham Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 - University Hospitals of Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

- Southampton University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust
- Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

6. At its meeting on 24 July 2012, the Joint HOSC considered the JCPCT's decision and the associated Decision-Making Business Case made the following resolutions:

(a) *That the 4 July 2012 decision of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts, regarding the future reconfiguration of Children's Congenital Cardiac Surgical Centres, and associated network configuration, be referred to the Secretary of State for Health for consideration, on the basis of the decision not being in the interest of the local NHS.*

(b) *That, reflecting the evidence considered and the issues raised by members of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber), a draft report be prepared to support the referral to the Secretary of State for Health*

7. At its meeting on 25 July 2012, the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) considered an update on the work of the Joint HOSC and received an update from the Chair in this regard. Members of the Scrutiny Board discussed the details presented at the meeting.

8. Such were the implications of the JCPCT's decision on the LGI and patient care in Leeds, that the Scrutiny Board concluded that it was appropriate to refer the decision to the Secretary of State.

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Recommendations

10. To consider the attached information and determine the content of the Scrutiny Board's referral report to the Secretary of State for Health, in this regard.

7.0 Background documents¹

None used

¹ 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.