

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 28 November 2014

Subject: The New Congenital Heart Disease Review

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce any additional inputs from key stakeholders to help inform the Committee's formal response to the consultation on proposed service specifications and draft standards, arising from the new Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) review.

2 Background

- 2.1 In June 2013, the Secretary of State for Health accepted a report and recommendations (in full) from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) and called a halt to the former Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Heart Surgery Services in England.
- 2.2 The new CHD review, covering the whole lifetime pathway of care, commenced in July 2013.
- 2.3 A 12-week public consultation process around proposed CHD service specifications and draft standards commenced on 15 September 2014. The consultation period closes at 5:00pm on 8 December 2014.
- 2.4 At its meeting on 17 October 2014, the Committee heard from NHS England about the progress of the new CHD review, the current public consultation and future processes. Members of the Committee were also provided with copies of the proposed specifications and draft standards being consulted on.

2.5 More recently, at its meeting on 3 November 2014, the Committee heard views from other stakeholders (Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Children's Heart Surgery Fund) on the proposed service specifications and draft standards. The Committee also received a written submission from Embrace – the dedicated, regional paediatric and neonatal transport service.

3 Main issues

3.1 As a reminder, a copy of the consultation document associate with the proposed service specifications and draft standards is attached for ease of reference.

3.2 At its meeting on 3 November 2014, members identified a number of matters to include within its consultation response, including:

- Issues associated with funding the agreed standards.
- The impact of trust status (i.e. Foundation Trust) on prospective providers.
- Consultation arrangements – particularly in relation to BME communities.
- Focus of any changes 'putting patients first'.
- Availability of suitably qualified clinical and medical staff.
- Issues associated with implementation and associated timescales.

3.3 This report provides the Committee an opportunity to consider any additional inputs from key stakeholders that may influence its consultation response. Any additional details available will be reported to the meeting.

3.4 It also provides an opportunity to consider each of the consultation questions (outlined in the attached consultation document) and agree the Committee's position/ response.

4 Recommendations

4.1 The JHOSC is asked to consider this report and the issues discussed at the meeting and identify specific matters to inform its response to the public consultation.

5 Background papers¹

5.1 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.