

Report of Head of Democratic Services

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Date: 11 February 2020

Subject: Maternity and Neonatal Services in Leeds – Proposed Reconfiguration of Services

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open 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: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a report from NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) regarding the proposed reconfiguration of maternity and neonatal services in Leeds; alongside details of the associated public consultation.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting in January 2020, the Board was advised of NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group's intention to commence formal public consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of maternity and neonatal services in Leeds.

3 Main Issues

- 3.1 NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group is working closely with partners from NHS England's specialised commissioning services and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) to carry out a consultation on plans to centralise maternity and neonatal services at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI) and new proposals for hospital antenatal appointments.
- 3.2 The attached paper (Appendix 1) from NHS Leeds CCG sets out an outline of the reasons for the proposed changes and the options being consulted on. It also provides an outline of proposed consultation activity. The public consultation document is presented at Appendix 2.

3.3 Public consultation commenced on Monday 13 January 2020 and closes on Sunday 5 April 2020.

3.4 Representatives from NHS Leeds CCG and LTHT have been invited to attend the meeting to present and discuss the proposed reconfiguration.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 The proposed reconfiguration of maternity and neonatal services in Leeds is subject to a 12-week public consultation (as set out above).

4.1.2 For proposed substantial changes or developments of local services, the NHS is required to formally consult the relevant local authority scrutiny body, setting out the date when any formal response is required. The key dates are as follows:

- Formal public consultation commenced 13 January 2020.
- Presentation of proposals and consultation plans to the Scrutiny Board – February 2020 (this meeting).
- Public consultation ending on 5 April 2020 (12 weeks).
- Independent analysis / report of public consultation outcomes available by 30 April 2020.
- Opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to consider consultation outcomes and formulate any formal response – May 2020 (Scrutiny Board meeting scheduled for 19 May 2020).
- Formal comments from the Scrutiny Board submitted by 31 May 2020
- Formal decisions on the proposals by NHS Leeds CCG / NHS England expected by the end of July 2020.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules state that, where appropriate, all work undertaken by Scrutiny Boards will ‘...review how and to what effect consideration has been given to the impact of a service or policy on all equality areas, as set out in the Council’s Equality and Diversity Scheme’.

4.2.2 An equality impact assessment will be undertaken by NHS Leeds CCG / NHS England as part of the decision-making process.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The terms of reference of the Scrutiny Boards promote a strategic and outward looking Scrutiny function that focuses on the best council ambitions and objectives. The service areas subject to the proposed reconfiguration make a direct contribution to the City's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Best Council Plan.

Climate Emergency

- 4.3.2 There are no specific climate implications associated with the content of this report. However, the Board may wish to explore any climate emergency considerations and mitigating actions arising from the proposed reconfiguration of services.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

- 4.4.1 This report does not present any specific financial implications at this time. However, the Board may wish to explore any such matters arising from the proposed reconfiguration of services.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 As set out above, the NHS has a duty to formally consult the relevant local authority scrutiny body when considering proposed substantial changes or developments of local health services.
- 4.5.2 The responsibility for responding to formal consultation by relevant NHS bodies is set out in the Scrutiny Board's Terms of Reference.

4.6 Risk management

- 4.6.1 The information provided in this report largely relates to external organisations, which may be subject to other considerations relating to risk management. However, the Board may wish to explore any such matters arising from the proposed reconfiguration of services.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 This report introduces an outline of the proposed reconfiguration of maternity and neonatal services in Leeds and the associated consultation activity. Appropriate NHS representatives will attend the meeting to present and discuss the proposed reconfiguration.
- 5.2 The Scrutiny Board will have a further opportunity to consider the proposals, alongside the outcomes from the public consultation, at an additional meeting on 19 May 2020.
- 5.3 Any formal response to the proposals will need to be submitted to NHS Leeds CCG by 31 May 2020.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles) is asked to consider the details presented in this report and accompanying information; and note the associated key activities and timescales.

7 Background papers¹

- 7.1 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.