



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 14 March 2011

Subject: Reconfiguration of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England – Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Next Steps

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the next steps for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) in relation to its consideration of the proposed options to reconfigure Children's Congenital Heart Services in England, and the implications for the Yorkshire and Humber region.

2.0 Background

2.1 Elsewhere on the agenda, the Joint HOSC has been presented with details around the proposed options to reconfigure Children's Congenital Heart Services in England. Draft terms of reference have also been presented to help frame the Joint HOSC's consideration of the issues and potential implications for the Yorkshire and Humber region.

3.0 Next steps and timescales

3.1 Subject to the adoption of agreed terms of reference, a more detailed timetable or programme of activity is needed. This will need to set out how and when the Joint HOSC will seek to address its terms of reference.

3.2 As previously outlined, public consultation on the identified options will run until 1 July 2011. Therefore, it is important that the Joint Committee's work is concluded before this date, including any report and/or consultation response.

3.3 The draft terms of reference identifies the following organisations and witnesses as possible contributors to the work of the Joint HOSC:

- Parents and/or service user representatives
- Specialised Commissioning Group (Yorkshire and the Humber)
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Appropriate professionals and/or professional bodies
- Primary Care Trusts (Yorkshire and the Humber)
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) and/or other patient transport organisations
- Local GPs and/or their representative body
- Local Members of Parliament
- Local Authority representatives

3.4 Given the range of potential contributors and the time available, it is likely that a range of different methods may need to be applied to gather the input of the agreed contributors, including:

- Written reports
- Written responses to questions
- Focus group meeting
- Attendance at future meetings
- Questionnaires

3.5 The details presented in this report are neither exclusive nor exhaustive, however it is important that such matters are taken into account when determining future activity of the Joint HOSC.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Members of the Joint HOSC (Yorkshire and the Humber) are asked to consider the details presented in this report and any other appropriate matters in determining the future activity of the Joint HOSC around the proposed options to reconfigure Children's Congenital Heart Services in England.

5.0 Background Documents

None