



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 29 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 At the first meeting of the joint committee (14 March 2011), members identified a range of additional information that may assist in its consideration of the proposed reconfiguration of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England (the proposals), and elsewhere on the agenda, the joint committee has been presented with some additional and further details.

3.0 Next steps and timescales

3.1 A more detailed timetable for the work of the joint committee is currently being prepared, and will be presented as soon as practicable. The following actions/ requests are also being taken forward:

- The Specialised Commissioning Group (Yorkshire and the Humber) - impact assessment: Details around the scope and timescales associated with the assessment. Alongside details of the expected audience and where this may be presented.
- Details of current patient numbers/ flows within the region – both in terms of postcodes and hospitals

- The regional Children's Congenital Heart Services Strategy identified at the meeting
- Appropriate contacts/ representatives for:
 - the current regional network;
 - Embrace (the regional transportation service)
 - Appropriate professional bodies, including surgeons, cardiologists and the Royal College of Nursing
- Details of any relationship between patient numbers and areas of deprivation i.e. whether or not there is an increased risk (and therefore need) for children born in more deprived communities?
- Input from Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) from across the region.
- Request for appropriate attendance from the Safe and Sustainable team at future meeting of the joint committee.
- Request for the details of the consultation response form – currently only available online or through individual hard-copy requests.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members of the Joint HOSC (Yorkshire and the Humber) are asked to note the content of this report and identify any additional actions and/or information not identified that may be required.

5.0 Background Documents

None