

**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

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

**Date: 2 September 2011**

**Subject: Proposed Reconfiguration of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England: Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) update**

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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee HOSC (Yorkshire and the Humber) forms the statutory overview and scrutiny body to consider and respond to the proposed reconfiguration of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England – taking into account the potential impact on children and families across the region.
2. In considering the proposals set out in the *Safe and Sustainable Consultation Document: A new vision for Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England (March 2011)*, Members of the Joint HOSC have sought to consider a wide range of evidence and engage with a range of key stakeholders.
3. As part of the public consultation on the future of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England, HOSCs have been given until 5 October 2011 to respond to the proposals. In this regard, both the former and current Chair of the Joint HOSC have sought the input from those involved in the decision-making process, i.e. representatives from the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT). Copies of the correspondence issued are attached to this report for information; however a formal response from the JCPCT (or supporting secretariat) has yet to be received.
4. Nonetheless, this report seeks to introduce a representative from the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) to provide the Joint HOSC with an update on the JCPCT’s work since it agreed the consultation options at its meeting in February 2011, and to address any questions identified by the members of the Committee.

## **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to consider the details associated with this report and identify/ agree any specific matters for inclusion in the Committee's report to be presented to JCPCT later in the year

## **Background documents**

- A new vision for Children's Congenital Heart Services in England (March 2011)