

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: Review of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England: Impact assessment on the regional infant and children’s transport service

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. Embrace is the United Kingdom’s first combined infant and children’s transport service. It undertakes neonatal transfers alongside paediatric retrievals for the 23 hospitals across Yorkshire and the Humber; serving four tertiary neonatal units and two paediatric intensive care units. Established in a phased approach from December 2009, Embrace undertook just over 2000 transfers in its first full year of operation
2. Attached, for consideration by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), is an impact assessment on the regional infant and children’s transport service produced by Embrace. Appropriate representatives have been invited to attend the meeting to present the attached impact assessment and address any questions from the Committee.
3. As part of the public consultation on the future of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees have been given until 5 October 2011 to respond to the proposals. The attached impact assessment aims to inform the Committee’s response in this regard.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to consider the details presented in the attached impact assessment 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)