

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: Submission from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT)

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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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 account of 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 considered a range of evidence, including an initial perspective from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) in March 2011.
3. This report (and associated appendices) seeks to add to the body of evidence previously considered by the Joint HOSC and provides the following additional details from LTHT for consideration:
 - The formal consultation response submitted as part of the public consultation process (Appendix 1);
 - Information regarding Adult Congenital Patients (Appendix 2);
 - Information about the psychological impact of separation of mothers and infants in the early days of life (to follow);
 - Information around retrieval of infants across Yorkshire and the Humber from the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit in Leeds, which reflects real life transfer times and includes some cardiac infants (an abstract of the audit is attached at Appendix 3).

4. Representatives from LTHT have been invited to attend the meeting to present the attached details and address any questions from the Committee.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to consider the details presented in this report (and associated appendices) and identify/ agree any specific matters for inclusion in the Committee's report to be presented to Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) later in the year.

Background documents

- A new vision for Children's Congenital Heart Services in England (March 2011)
- Report to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber): Reconfiguration of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England – initial response from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS (29 March 2011)