

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 29 September 2011

Subject: Proposed Reconfiguration of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England: Additional Information

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)*, and 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.
3. In considering the proposals and the associated impacts the Joint HOSC has sought to consider a wide range of evidence and engage with a number of key stakeholders.
4. The purpose of this report is to present any further / additional information that the Joint Committee has requested but not yet considered. On behalf of the Joint HOSC further information has been requested, as follows:

Children’s Heart Federation

5. Details of the survey work undertaken, including the survey report / analysis. Some details have been available on the website: http://www.childrens-heart-fed.org.uk/news/safe_and_sustainable_childrens_heart_surgery_services and are attached at Appendix 1 for consideration.

6. However, the detailed survey report / analysis is not available online and a request for this information was made through a web-form (on 8 September 2011) available on the above website.

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Interim Report

7. The Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Interim Report produced by Mott MacDonald presents the following information in terms of vulnerable groups:
 - *Children (under 16s)* who are the primary recipient of the services under review and, therefore, most sensitive to service changes;*
 - *People who experience socio-economic deprivation;*
 - *People from Asian ethnic groups, particularly those with an Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and other Indian subcontinent heritage;*
 - *Mothers who smoke during pregnancy; and*
 - *Mothers who are obese during pregnancy;*

*These groups are defined as **vulnerable groups** because they are more likely to need the services under review and, are most likely to experience **disproportionate impacts**.*

8. The HIA states that there are currently 2745 patients in vulnerable postcode districts. The report also sets out the likely travel and access impacts on vulnerable groups / postcode districts (based on current patient activity) under each of the proposed options (A-D). Information has been requested about how this analysis relates to specifically to Yorkshire and the Humber and will be provided as soon as possible.
9. Confirmation has also been sought on whether or not the analysis presented in the HIA Interim report reflects the presumed patient flow/ travel data or takes account of any of the work around testing the assumptions currently being undertaken by Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Information from other Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees

10. Information has been provided from both City of Bradford MDC and East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as follows:
11. local authority HOSCSis also made available for consideration by the Joint HOSC:

City of Bradford MDC: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (15 September 2011) – **resolved:**

1. That, having given this matter much consideration, from the options proposed within the consultation, the Committee unanimously endorses Option D and recommends this as the option to be taken forward.
2. In reaching its decision the Committee are mindful that there has been a severe lack of critical information being presented in a timely manner. Dependant on information yet to be submitted it is possible that a further Children's Heart Surgical Centre may be required to meet demand.

3. That the Committee notes with extreme dismay that only a few days will be available to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and Humber) to make its recommendations once it has received information requested from the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts

East Riding of Yorkshire: The Health, Care and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (13 September 2011) – **resolved:**

That the Sub-Committee support the retention of children's cardiac surgery services at Leeds General Infirmary to deliver children's cardiac surgery services.

Further information

12. Any additional information received will be presented to the meeting.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to consider the details associated with this report and identify/ agree any specific matters for inclusion in the Committee's report, which features elsewhere on the agenda and is due to be presented to JCPCT later in the year.

Background documents

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