

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 3 December 2012

Subject: Review of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England: Analysis of National Specialised Commissioning Spend (2004/05 – 2011/12)

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Not applicable		
Appendix number: Not applicable		

Summary of main issues

- Following a national review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services in England, at its meeting on 4 July 2012, the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) agreed consultation Option B for implementation. At that meeting, the JCPCT agreed the designation of congenital heart networks led by the following surgical centres:
 - Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 - Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 - University Hospitals of Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
 - Southampton University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust
 - Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- On 24 July 2012, the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) (Joint HOSC) considered the JCPCT's decision, alongside the formal response to the Joint HOSC's previous [October 2011] report. At that meeting, the Joint HOSC agreed to refer the JCPCT's decision to the Secretary of State for Health – on the basis of that decision not being in the interest of the local NHS.
- At its meeting on 16 November 2012 the Joint HOSC agreed its report in support of its referral to the Secretary of State for Health. At that meeting the Joint HOSC also agreed to consider additional information relevant to its review of the JCPCT's decision, including the following:
 - An analysis of National Specialised Commissioning spend (2004/05 – 2011/12);
 - Details of the membership/ attendance at the JCPCT and other relevant bodies;

- A report from the Lead Clinician of the North East and West Yorkshire Paediatric Critical Care Network, regarding the Transport Impact of Proposed Models of Paediatric Cardiac Centralisation in North-East England
4. The details attached to this report present an analysis of National Specialised Commissioning spend (2004/05 – 2011/12). Relevant officers who have undertaken the analysis have been invited to the meeting to present the details appended to this report, outline the associated methodology and address any queries raised by the Joint Committee.

Recommendations

- a. That the Joint HOSC considers the details presented and determines any appropriate action and/or scrutiny activity relevant to its review of the decision of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts and the associated referral to the Secretary of State for Health.

Background documents¹

5. Details of National Specialised Commissioning spend by Programme, Service and Trust (2004/05 – 2011/12)

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.