

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: Membership and attendance analysis

| | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| 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 provide information associated with the membership/ attendance at meetings of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts and various other bodies with some involvement in the Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services in England. The bodies considered have included:
 - Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT)
 - Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts Steering Group (Steering)
 - Clinical Standards Working Group (Standards)
 - National Commissioning Group (NCG)
 - National Specialised Commissioning Group (NSCG)
 - Advisory Group for National Specialised Services (AGNSS)
 - Independent Expert Panel Chaired by Professor Sir Ian Kennedy (Kennedy)
 - Health Impact Assessment Steering Group (HIA SG)
 - National Specialised Commissioning Team (NSCT)
 5. Attached at Appendix 1 is a pictorial representation of the various bodies and the number of attendees at various meetings. This was produced using a spreadsheet of information (the 'People' spreadsheet) compiled by the Chair of the Joint HOSC.
 6. To test the robustness of this information, the 'People' spreadsheet has been verified by officers from Leeds City Council's Internal Audit section, using the available evidence of attendance/representation at the meetings and membership of the various bodies. Names were then input into data matching software which compared where individuals were present at more than one body. These results are summarised in Appendix 2.
 7. While the membership number of each Board may be less than the number of people listed, all have been included in the analysis as membership of the groups is not completely static and attendance varies. Where some people were originally listed as members, these have been excluded where they had not been at the meetings and in the absence of a list of board members.
 8. The analysis has highlighted some slight differences to the original Venn diagram (presented at Appendix 1), however the overall picture showing the cross-over between the groups has not changed.
 9. Relevant officers who have undertaken the assurance work have been invited to the meeting to 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

10. The 'People' spreadsheet

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.