

Update on the New Congenital Heart Review process

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Trust Board paper I

Executive Summary

Context

This paper provides the Trust Board with an update on the campaign to retain the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre, (EMCHC) at UHL. The paper also invites the Board to comment on our proposed next actions in respect to the NHS England consultation on CHD services in England

Questions

1. Did the Trust formal response receive independent review, and when was it submitted to NHS England?
2. What is the latest information from NHS England in respect to the consultation process and timeline?
3. What are the next actions for the Trust's during the analysis phase of the consultation?

Conclusion

4. Following the Trust Board review on the 6th July 2017, the formal Trust response to the consultation questions was reviewed independently at a senior level. Very minor amendments were made prior to the response being submitted via the consultation hub and direct to John Stewart (Acting Director of Specialised Commissioning) on Monday 17th July. Receipt was acknowledged by NHS England.
5. We still have had no formal indication of the process or anticipated timeline for the decision following the consultation analysis or of when NHS England will meet with us to review our growth plan which was submitted on the 3rd May 2017. We have had responses to questions posed during the consultation process which have been shared with the stakeholder groups. These provided information on the initial decision making process that resulted in the 'minded' decision. We will be seeking further clarification from NHS England regarding this information.
6. The key priority for the service is to retain the quality and level of service during this period of uncertainty. A Listening into Action event is planned for the 24th August to ensure we are working in the most effective way to deliver the surgical caseload requirements. A communication strategy will be approved by the Task Group to ensure we meet and engage key stakeholders who may be involved in the decision making process. Meetings with the key network hospitals who have supported the growth plan are set for August and will begin the process of increased network referral pathways. Stakeholder groups are planning events and media contacts are keen to work with us to ensure the service stays front of the public mind. We will be working with East Midlands MPs to follow up on the letter they sent to the Secretary of State and Simon Stevens when they return from summer recess. See Appendix 1

For Reference

Edit as appropriate:

1. The following **objectives** were considered when preparing this report:

- Safe, high quality, patient centred healthcare [Yes]
- Effective, integrated emergency care [Yes]
- Consistently meeting national access standards [Yes]
- Integrated care in partnership with others [Yes]
- Enhanced delivery in research, innovation & ed' [Yes]
- A caring, professional, engaged workforce [Yes]
- Clinically sustainable services with excellent facilities [Yes]
- Financially sustainable NHS organisation [Yes]
- Enabled by excellent IM&T [Yes]

2. This matter relates to the following **governance** initiatives:

- a. Organisational Risk Register [Yes]

If YES please give details of risk ID, risk title and current / target risk ratings.

Datix Risk ID	Operational Risk Title(s) – add new line for each operational risk	Current Rating	Target Rating	CMG
2940	There is a risk that paediatric cardiac surgery will cease to be commissioned in Leicester with consequences for intensive care and other specialist paediatric services	15	0	Women's and Children

If NO, why not? Eg. Current Risk Rating is LOW

- b. Board Assurance Framework [No]

If YES please give details of risk No., risk title and current / target risk ratings.

Principal Risk	Principal Risk Title	Current Rating	Target Rating
No.	...		

3. Related **Patient and Public Involvement** actions taken, or to be taken: [Insert here]

4. Results of any **Equality Impact Assessment**, relating to this matter: [Insert here]

5. Scheduled date for the **next paper** on this topic: 7 September 2017

6. Executive Summaries should not exceed **1 page**. [My paper does comply]

7. Papers should not exceed **7 pages**. [My paper does comply]

Jeremy Hunt
Secretary of State
Department of Health
Richmond House
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Dear Mr Hunt,

You will be aware of our long-standing opposition to NHS England's proposal to stop children's heart surgery at Glenfield Hospital in Leicester.

The latest verified data shows that Glenfield has amongst the best clinical outcomes of any unit in the country, including for mortality rates. If NHS England's proposal goes ahead there would be serious consequences for Glenfield's world leading ECMO service, which has the country's only national patient transport service for ECMO. It would also leave the East Midlands as the only region in the country without a children's or adult heart surgery unit.

As you know, NHS England's public consultation on Congenital Heart Disease Services in England is due to close on July 17th. Senior representatives from University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust recently met with a cross party group of MPs in Parliament to update us on the work they have been doing with NHS England as part of the consultation process.

The hospital understands from NHS England that the only area for further discussion in respect to UHL's full compliance with the required standards is the hospital's ability to conduct 500 surgical cases a year by 2021. UHL has produced a comprehensive, robust and evidenced plan to show how this standard will be met. The growth plan, which uses NHS England's own data, is accompanied by letters of support from three centres in the East Midlands congenital heart service network who have agreed to start new referral pathways to East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre to help meet the 500 caseload target.

We were disappointed to hear that NHS England has not yet met with UHL to discuss their growth plan. We were surprised that NHS England declined to attend a meeting that was scheduled during the period of the general election on the grounds of purdah rules, despite this clearly not being a party political issue. We ask that you now ensure this meeting takes place as a matter of urgency.

We are also very concerned about the lack of clarity in terms of next steps in the decision making process. The uncertainty caused by this lengthy process destabilises the Trust's ability to recruit and retain the staff crucial for the anticipated growth to be delivered. When will NHS England publish its response to the public consultation? When will the independent analysis of the consultation responses be published, who specifically will make the final recommendation to NHS England following the public consultation, and who within NHS England will take the final decision? We would also like to know the timetable for the

above steps. We understand from the hospital that the final decision by NHS England will now not be taken until next year – is this correct?

You will appreciate that patients, their families and all the staff at Glenfield need clarity on all of the above as soon as possible, and that ensuring full openness and transparency about such an important decision is essential.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Liz Kendall Member of Parliament for Leicester West

Signed by

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