

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
14 DECEMBER 2017
FUTURE PROVISION OF CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICES
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To receive information about NHS England's decision regarding future commissioning of congenital heart disease services.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the decision of NHS England to continue to commission University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust to provide Level 1 congenital heart disease services, conditional on achieving full compliance with the standards in line with their own plan to do so and demonstrating convincing progress along the way.

3 Background information

- 3.1 In July 2016, NHS England announced proposals about the future provision of congenital heart disease services and this included a proposal to cease surgery and interventional cardiology for children and adults at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL). This is the provider to which the majority of Nottingham patients requiring those services are referred to.
- 3.2 The Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee considered the transfer of congenital heart disease surgical and interventional cardiology services from UHL to appropriate alternative hospitals to be a substantial variation to services for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire residents.
- 3.3 Based on its consideration of the available evidence, including written documentation from NHS England, discussions with representatives of NHS England, discussions with representatives of UHL and information submitted by other local trusts and clinical commissioning groups, in April 2017 the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee submitted a response to NHS England's public consultation on the proposals.
- 3.4 On 30 November 2017 NHS England announced its decision on the future commissioning of congenital heart disease services. This included that it will continue to commission UHL to provide Level 1 congenital heart disease services, conditional on them achieving full compliance with the service standards in line with their own plan to do so and demonstrating convincing progress along the way.

4 List of attached information

4.1 None

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 Reports to and minutes of meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held on 13 September 2016, 14 March 2017 and 18 April 2017.

NHS England (30 November 2017) 'NHS England outlines future of congenital heart disease services'

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

8 Contact information

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