

Held on 29 April 2014

Held at Wellington House, London

Extract of Draft Minutes

Present:

Jackie Cornish(Chair)	Programme Clinical Chair
Diane Addei	Head of Public Health Specialised Commissioning, London
Moira Angel	Area Team Nursing Director, Cumbria, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear
Caroline Gamlin	Area Team Medical Director, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire
Julia Grace	Programme of Care Manager, Midlands and East
Ann Jarvis	Acute Portfolio Director
Nevila Kallfa	Consultant in Public Health, Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire
Jacque Kemp	Programme of Care Manager, London
Anthony Prudhoe	Programme of Care Manager, North
Sue Trew	Interim Programme of Care manager Women and Children, HSS

In attendance:

Michael Wilson	The New Congenital Heart Disease Review Team
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Apologies:

Catherine Calderwood	National Clinical Director, Maternity
Linda Doherty	Programme of Care Manager, South
David Finch	Area Team Medical Director, London
Eleri de Gilbert	Area Director South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Area team
Iain Mellis	Highly Specialised Services Commissioning Manager

11. The new Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Review

Michael Wilson presented members with the overview and proposed approach to assurance. Members were asked to consider and comment on the proposed approach to involvement, governance approval and funding implications and advise on other aspects of the review's work that they would wish to examine.

The presentation set out their approach which would be built on the previous work/reviews, be evidence driven and involve extensive engagement/communication with a strong emphasis on transparency, openness and participation. One of the

Review's key objectives is to develop Standards to give improved outcomes, to minimal variation and to improve the patient experience. Stakeholders have agreed that Standards should be at the heart of the approach.

The Review's approach is proposing consulting on two service specifications – one for paediatric service and one for the adult service with the Standards as an appendix to both to start in the summer for a full 12 week public consultation.

Board members noted that the Review's approach is to agree what 'excellent standards' look like which need to take account of the financial implications without focussing solely on them. The challenge of affordability was discussed with the understanding that there was no blank cheque and that a financial impact assessment would be undertaken and that views would be sought on appropriate trade-offs.

Board members thanked Michael for the helpful update.

There was concern raised around the fact that even once the process had been fully agreed that some of the previous obstacles/debates about the number of surgeons and cases would remain and the evidence for that.

Ann Jarvis stated that these service specifications would be subject to the same rigorous review that all new products were subjected to via the Clinical Priorities Advisory Group (CPAG) and that a full financial appraisal to review the cost implications and cost aspiration on the impact of these new products would need to be undertaken prior to them being presented to CPAG.

Regarding derogation issues, it was noted that the NHS England approach is for providers to self-assess against an agreed service specification and for the Derogation Policy to apply accordingly. It was suggested that this approach may have to be reviewed in the light of the high level of complexity involved.

It was noted that the debate regarding the number of surgeons is ongoing within the Clinical Advisory Panel, but that this should not negate the support for the other standards which are by far the majority.

Members agreed that the strength of the proposed approach was input from the CRG and clinical groups across the country.

It was noted that this extract of the meeting would be made publically available.

Members **noted** the update.