

Paper Title: Update on Specialised Cardiac Respiratory and Cancer Services

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Summary

This paper updates the NHS England Board and sets out proposed approaches on two issues relating to specialised services with particular reference to London:

- Cardio-Respiratory Services in London (Appendix 1) and
 - Children's Cancer Service Consultation (Appendix 2 and 3).
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Cardio-Respiratory Services in London

1. Following constructive discussions convened by the NHS England Chief Executive and involving Imperial College Healthcare Trust, the Royal Brompton and Harefield Trust, Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust and NHS London region, agreement in principle has now been reached on wide-ranging proposals to reshape and enhance London's specialist provision.
2. The proposed approach which has the support of the three trusts includes:
 - NHSE/I support for North West London in finalising its clinical strategy and developing investment cases for Imperial College Health Care Trust to provide fit-for-purpose facilities at St Mary's, Hammersmith and Charing Cross, backed as needed by access to public capital investment;
 - Moving CHD services from Sydney Street to the Westminster Bridge site, thereby meeting NHS England's new paediatric CHD service standards, after the necessary estate developments have been completed including expansion of Evelina Children's Hospital at St Thomas';
 - A merger between The Royal Brompton and Guy's and St Thomas' to secure a sustainable future for The Royal Brompton and continued delivery of world-class care;
 - Establishing a Clinical Transition Board to guarantee continuing support for other secondary and tertiary provision at other NWL providers.
3. The Board is asked to note this progress and support this approach, as set out in Appendix 1. All services remain subject to NHS national and regional specialised commissioning review and oversight, and public engagement and consultation as needed.

Children's Cancer Service Specification Consultation

4. Alongside public consultation on this children's cancer service specification, Simon Stevens also commissioned Professor Sir Mike Richards to provide an independent view for the Board on the appropriate design of these services. This report is attached at Appendix 2 together with the consultation response at Appendix 3. The Board is asked to endorse Sir Mike's recommendations in full, and therefore agree the following next steps:
 - The NHS England service specification should make co-location with a range of co-dependent services, including level 3 paediatric intensive care, a mandatory requirement for NHS England commissioned Principal Treatment Centres (unless – as suggested by Sir Mike – the risk of requiring admission to a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit from a particular treatment is extremely low i.e. less than 5%).
 - NHS England London Region should rapidly appraise the three potential options set out in Sir Mike's report for supporting the Royal Marsden Hospital or another South Thames provider to achieve compliance with the service specification requirements around co-location, with a view to confirming the preferred approach no later than June 2020 and with phased implementation thereafter.
 - In the meantime, the Royal Marsden Hospital should receive a time limited derogation from the co-location requirements but ensure that they put in place the full range of mitigating actions set out in the consultation draft of the service specification.
 - Note the other minor changes and clarifications, as described in the consultation report at Appendix 3, that will be made to the service specification as agreed by the Children and Young People's Cancer Clinical Reference Group.
5. The Board is further asked to note that during the public consultation, letters were received in relation to the CLIC Sargent Young Cancer Patient Travel Fund campaign. While this question of hospital travel costs is outwith the scope of the specification, decisions on the Healthcare Travel Scheme are for DHSC, who will be alerted to the responses received on this point.