

Update on the New Congenital Heart Review process

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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. What has happened since the last Trust Board update?
2. What is planned with the campaign over the next month?
3. What is the current situation with surgical workforce?

Conclusion

1. A letter from John Stewart Acting Director of Specialised Commissioning, NHS England was received on 15th August 2017. The letter acknowledged our recent correspondence and advised the Trust that NHS England is committed to reaching a decision on its proposals for congenital heart disease services in England as soon as possible, and that Mr Stewart had advised his team to do everything possible to bring their recommendation to the NHS England Board on the 28th September. This advanced timeline is a very positive step and will help to reduce the uncertainty surrounding the service.

In his letter Mr Stewart requested that the Trust meet with the regional specialised commissioning team to update the Trust's compliance with the National standards for congenital heart disease. This was a helpful meeting and an updated response was submitted on 25th August 2017.

2. The letter acknowledged the UHL growth plan submitted in May 2017 and we are very pleased that Mr Stewart confirmed the fact that the East Midlands region currently delivers over 500 surgical CHD cases per annum. Mr Stewart also requested that we provide some more detail around the level of increased referrals needed from our network partners and we will be contacting them to discuss this and anticipate providing the information requested by the 14th September 2017.

John Adler and Alison Poole have a meeting with John Stewart and Michael Wilson Programme Director for the CHD review on the 5th September to discuss the timeframe and requirements for the NHS England Board submission.

We continue to have great support from our local Members of Parliament and the new MP for Harborough, Neil O'Brien MP came to the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre on Thursday 31st August and David Tredinnick MP (whose constituency is Bosworth) is visiting on Friday 8th

September. The visits provide an opportunity for the Chairman to introduce the MPs to the EMCHC staff, stakeholders and patients and demonstrate the high quality service and outcomes delivered at the centre. Their support, along with all the East Midlands MPs is very valuable and welcomed by staff and stakeholders.

3. An appointment has been made to replace our lead surgeon Mr Speggorin who leaves on the 1st September. Mr Imran Saeed a consultant CHD surgeon from the Royal Brompton Hospital, who has been working in Saudi Arabia for the last two years, has accepted the job offer and is able to start within 6 weeks. In the interim period the third consultant role will be provided by Professor Corno who will step back to his academic duties once Mr Saeed arrives. We are delighted that Mr Branko Mimic has accepted the role of Senior Surgeon moving forward. Interviews for his replacement are planned for mid-September with a very strong field of applicants. Locum cover has been arranged for the interim period.

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.

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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
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- 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]
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