

Children's Non Specialised Surgery and Anaesthesia Update

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
For Noting	
Are there any resource implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
N/A	
Summary of key issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A decision was made by the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group to approve the decision making business case for children's non specialised surgery and anaesthesia on Wednesday 28th June.• Approval of the preferred model enables the majority of surgery to continue to be delivered locally and the development of three hubs, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Children's Hospital and Pinderfields General Hospital in Wakefield.• The decision means that once implemented around one or two children per week needing an emergency operation for a small number of conditions, at night or at a weekend, will no longer be treated in hospitals in Barnsley, Chesterfield and Rotherham, and will receive their treatment at one of the three hubs.• A mobilisation plan is under development, including the ongoing designation process and development of a managed clinical network. It has been agreed to implement within existing commissioning and contracting arrangements and it is anticipated that implementation will commence from quarter four 2017/18 onwards.	
Recommendations	
The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee members are asked to note the current position to progress the changes to children's non specialised surgery and anaesthesia.	

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this brief is to update the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the decision taken by the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group on Wednesday 28th June to approve the changes to children's non specialised surgery and anaesthesia services across the region.

2. Summary

A decision was made by the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group to approve the decision making business case for children's non specialised surgery and anaesthesia on Wednesday 28th June.

Over the last three years clinical commissioners and hospital trusts providing services in Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield have come together to review and improve the care and experiences of all children needing an emergency operation in our region.

By working together better across all hospitals and commissioning organisations, new ways of working have been developed which means the number of children affected by these changes reduced significantly since the launch of the consultation in October 2016 and this has given staff working in the services more opportunities to improve and enhance their skills.

Approval of the preferred model enables the majority of surgery to continue to be delivered locally and the development of three hubs, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Children's Hospital and Pinderfields General Hospital in Wakefield.

The decision means that once implemented around one or two children per week needing an emergency operation for a small number of conditions, at night or at a weekend, will no longer be treated in hospitals in Barnsley, Chesterfield and Rotherham and will instead have their surgery at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Children's Hospital or Pinderfield's General Hospital where the right staff, with the right skills, will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service at Bassetlaw Hospital will remain the same as it already does not provide acute surgery for children out of hours.

3. Next Steps

Now the decision has been taken a mobilisation plan is under development. It has been agreed with CCG Accountable Officers that implementation will be

taken forward within existing commissioning and contracting arrangements. Work is already underway to progress the designation process and further develop the managed clinical network to enable operational delivery. It is anticipated that the implementation will commence from quarter four 2017/18 onwards.