

NOTES

Health OSC Steering Group Friday 7 November 2014

Present:

- County Councillor Steve Holgate
- County Councillor Yousuf Motala
- County Councillor Fabian Craig-Wilson
- County Councillor Margaret Brindle

Notes of last meeting

The notes of the Steering Group meeting held on 17 October were agreed as correct

In relation to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust, Steve would like the Trust to be asked to consider consulting on a single site large hospital for all the population (possibly located at the side of the motorway) – Wendy to forward those views to Trust officers.

New Congenital Heart Disease Review: consultation on draft standards and service specifications

Dr Alison Rylands, Deputy Medical Director (Clinical Strategy), Cheshire, Warrington & Wirral Area Team NHS England attended the meeting to discuss the forthcoming consultation.

- Cheshire, Warrington & Wirral Area Team NHS England are the lead responsibility for commissioning this service.
- Previous review had issues – Leeds earmarked for closure (NW location is Alder Hey) – The Independent Reconfiguration Panel concluded that the consultation process was flawed. Therefore a new consultation has been devised.
- It's not about the individual hospital units, it's about the standards – there are lots (one set for adults one for children) – the service covers the whole life pathway.
- Previously children born with this condition wouldn't have survived into adulthood so they require continued care.
- Clinical advisory group devised the standards – lot of work being done to develop them. They don't just apply to the specialist centre but also apply to what should happen in a local hospital – whilst surgery would be carried out in a specialist hospital the continuing care would take place at the local level.
- The standards include the need for a network of care – various charities have been involved in their development.
- One point that has been raised is the transition from child to adult services – as a service user from a medical point of view but also the emotional development of patients.

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- Service users have expressed their frustration at continually explaining their condition at hospitals often to staff who are not experts in the field so have limited levels of understanding of the issues.
- The service relates to anatomical defects identified at birth rather than lifestyle or hereditary factors that manifest as heart problems.
- Current situation is that the consultation is open until mid-December – don't anticipate much change although parents and families are in a clear position to influence the content.
- Pregnancy and contraception – ante natal scans can now pick up issues (e.g. hole in the heart). Women who have the disease obviously need special support. Part of the aim is to improve the ante natal diagnosis – so birth takes place in the right hospital
- Dental treatment– issues re bacteria in the blood for these types of patients.
- Next stage is for NHSE is to see what this means for services in the NW
- Currently adult services in Manchester, children's services in Liverpool. Standards suggest they should be on the same site. Evidence suggests that there better outcomes are achieved if the services are co-located.
- Role of GPs – push to increase their knowledge and awareness to signpost to specialist services.
- Work with CCGs to let them know about the specialist commissioning.
- Degrees of severity of the disease – however you've either got it or not.
- Once the standards have been agreed the commissioners will then have to produce service delivery plans from them.
- Could take up to a couple of years to conclude to the new service plan.

Steering Group thanked Alison and stated that the Committee support the consultation process and asked that be kept updated of progress.

Work plan – work in progress

The current work plan for the Committee and Steering Group was attached for comment and update.

- Steering Group also discussed the outline plan for a further work planning workshop to be held towards end of March. (or after April Committee)
- Look at continuing with the process that all NHS Trust issues are dealt with at SG and that the Committee continue with a Public Health theme but scrutinise topics in greater detail
- Need to review existing topics looked at and in conjunction with performance data and other influencing factors determine what topics to look at in more detail
- A suggestion was that possibly try to treat each Committee as a one-off task group to discuss and conclude a particular topic with a very clear remit and resolutions.

Dates of future meetings

- 28 November – WLCCG/SOHT – Breast services at Southport Hospital
- 19 December – Healthy Lifestyles team (LCFT) and Blackpool Hospital Trust re strategic plans

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- 5 January – topic tbc
- 26 January – NHSE – Healthier Lancashire Programme.
- 23 February – ELCCG re Hyndburn Health Access Centre