

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	11 June 2009
Subject:	Improving surgical services for children and young people in hospitals
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnapp, Divisional Director of Partnership Development and Performance
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Christine Bednell, Children's Services Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	North West London Collaborative Programme Paediatric Initiative - Briefing Note for the 8 NWL Inner OSCs and Officers

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report details the way forward for the delivery of North West London (NWL) Collaborative Programme Paediatric Initiative 'Improving surgical services for Children and Young People in Hospital'. Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust in collaboration with Great Ormond Street and Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital Foundation Trust has been selected as the preferred provider of these services.

The 8 NWL Health Scrutiny Chairmen/ Children and Young People Scrutiny Chairmen and officers have met on a number of occasions to discuss whether formal or informal consultation is required in relation to implementing the programme. It was decided that informal consultation was sufficient for the programme.

Recommendations:

1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorses the decisions made by the 8 NWL Health Scrutiny Chairmen/ Children and Young People Scrutiny Chairmen and officers that formal consultation is not necessary.

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| <p>2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorses that there should be a process of on-going consultation with the public and stakeholders.</p> |
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Section 2 – Report

Background

At a meeting of the NWL Joint Committee of PCT's ,Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in collaboration with Great Ormond Street and Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital Foundation Trust has been selected as the preferred provider of complex, in-patient neonatal and paediatric surgery for children and young people (0-18 years) residing in NWL. The Trust has also has been designated as the lead centre for the NWL children's surgical provider network.

'Improving Surgical Services for Children and Young People' is a key component of the NWL Collaborative Commissioning programme. Currently, services are fragmented with paediatric intensive care beds on two sites. Chelsea and Westminster, which undertakes the majority of complex surgery does not have a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. A new project has been embarked on to resolve the current fragmentation of neonatal and specialist paediatric surgical care from critical care in NWL which will be implemented by April 2010

Lead members and officers that cover Overview and Scrutiny of children and young people's health in NWL held a meeting on 11 May to discuss whether formal (a joint committee of the 8 NW London boroughs) or informal consultation was required to support the implementation of the NWL Collaborative Programme Paediatric Initiative. Dr Sarah Crowther, Chief Executive Officer, Harrow PCT (Senior Responsible Officer for the Initiative) and Patricia Wright (North West London Collaborative Programme Officer) give a presentation and responded to a number of questions from lead members.

It was decided that as the changes are not deemed a substantial variation in service but an improvement to a service that effects a small number of children (less than 200) across the NWL borough's, formal consultation is not required.

At a further meeting of the NWL borough's on Friday 22 May, it was confirmed that subject to the approval of individual Overview and Scrutiny committee's, formal consultation is not necessary as long as there is a process of on-going consultation with the public and stakeholders. Overview and Scrutiny committees must also be kept informed.

In view of this, it is required that our Overview and Scrutiny Committee addresses whether or not we choose to endorse this approach or not.

Resources, costs and risks

There are no resource, costs and risk implications specific to this report.

Staffing/workforce

There are no direct staffing or workforce considerations specific to this report.

Equalities impact

The North West London Collaborative Commissioning programme incorporated equalities concerns as part of the work in identifying Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust in collaboration with Great Ormond Street and Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital Foundation Trust as the designated lead centre. In turn, the NW London boroughs also considered this when making their decisions over the option of either formal or informal consultation.

Legal Implications

None

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications for the council specific to this report.

Performance Issues

There are no performance considerations specific to this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

This is not required for this report

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Briefing Note – NWL Collaborative Programme Paediatric Initiative 'Improving Surgical Services for Children and Young People in Hospital'

Detailed in

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	NO