

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Path to Excellence Consultation Feedback

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with information in respect of the results of the Path to Excellence consultation undertaken by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership.

Background

- 2 South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership launched a public consultation on 5th July 2017 asking for views and ideas on potential options for changes proposed for stroke; maternity (obstetrics); women's healthcare (gynaecology) and children and young people's healthcare (urgent and emergency paediatrics) hospital-based services in South Tyneside and Sunderland.
- 3 Under Section 244 of the NHS Act 2006, local NHS bodies have a duty to consult local Overview and Scrutiny Committees on proposals for any substantial development of the health service or substantial variation in the provision in their areas. Scrutiny Committees are also required to consider the extent of consultation undertaken.
- 4 The Consultation references a programme of clinical service reviews which commenced in 2016 that involved asking clinical staff in South Tyneside District Hospital and Sunderland Royal Hospital how stroke, maternity, gynaecology and paediatrics services should be delivered. Each clinical team reviewed a number of options against key criteria, which was developed in line with the aims of the Path to Excellence programme and informed by service change best practice and national guidance from NHS England and NHS Improvement.
- 5 Copies of the Path to Excellence public consultation document and the public questionnaire were placed on deposit in the Members Library.
- 6 Representatives of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership attended the Committee's meeting held on 6 September 2017 to provide members with information detailing:-
 - The rationale for the review of stroke; maternity (obstetrics); women's healthcare (gynaecology) and children and young people's healthcare (urgent and emergency paediatrics) services ;

- The proposed options for future configuration of the services being consulted upon; the number of people from County Durham affected by the proposed changes including admission rates from County Durham for each service;
 - The consultation, communication and engagement activities that will be undertaken in informing the local community about the review and what is being proposed and how they can input into the review process;
 - The decision making timelines proposed for each service change.
- 7 The consultation process commenced on 5 July 2017 and ended on 15 October 2017.
- 8 The Committee agreed a response to the consultation at its meeting held on 2 October 2017 a copy of which is attached to this report. (Appendix 2)

Latest position

- 9 Representatives of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership will be in attendance to report upon the feedback obtained during the consultation process and how this has influenced the CCGs preferred options for the service review moving forward.
- 10 The Path to Excellence Phase 1 Consultation Feedback Analysis Report is attached to this report. (Appendix 3)

Recommendation

- 11 The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-
1. receive this report;
 2. note and comment on the feedback from the communication and engagement activity undertaken in respect of the review prior to a final decision being made by the CCGs in respect of the proposals.

Background papers

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership Path to excellence consultation

Special Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC 6 September 2017 - Minutes and Agenda papers

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – Independent, Integrated, Equality, Health and Health Inequalities Impact Assessments have been undertaken.

These reports have been prepared by an independent public health specialist for the Path to Excellence Programme to ensure impartiality.

Health Inequalities Impact Assessment (HIIA) is a tool used during NHS service reform planning to assess the potential of any policy, plan, proposal or decision to reduce or increase health inequalities. Many policies have the potential to impact on health inequalities and this is critical information that the NHS will need to consider in making their final decision. These are substantial documents and can be found through the following links:-

Stroke Impact Assessment (114 pages)

<https://pathtoexcellence.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/FINAL-Stroke-IIA-080617.pdf>

Obstetrics and gynaecology Impact Assessment (112 pages)

<https://pathtoexcellence.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/FINAL-OG-IIA-250617.pdf>

Paediatrics Impact Assessment (95 pages)

<https://pathtoexcellence.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/FINAL-IIA-Paeds-110617.pdf>

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – The consultation, communications and engagement plan for the review were placed on deposit in the member's library.

Procurement - None

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications – None