

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Scrutiny of Health Committee

27 January 2012

Children's Services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton

Introduction

1. In recent months clinicians working with children at the Friarage Hospital and GP commissioners have been concerned that the current way in which paediatric services are delivered may not be sustainable. Against this background Dr Vicky Pleydell, the Shadow Accountable Officer of the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) sought advice from the National Clinical Advisory Committee (NCAT) on:
 - whether or not, within the clinical evidence base, there is a case for reconfiguring paediatric services,
 - how any changes proposed in paediatrics would affect the future provision of maternity and special care baby unit (SCBU) services;
 - options for future service delivery, informed by discussions with Trust clinicians, which would ensure the safe delivery of services, patient experience, equity and choice.
2. The NCAT report and the CCG's Engagement Plan will be published in the next day or so. *(As soon as they are available to me I will forward them on to Members.)*
3. Dr Pleydell, Jill Moulton (Director of Planning, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and Amanda Brown (Hambleton & Richmondshire Locality Manager, NHS NY&Y) will be attending the Committee to provide more information on the background to the review, to summarise NCAT's findings and to seek the Committee's views on the proposed engagement plan.

Recommendation

4. That the Committee offers comment on the proposed engagement process and agrees the extent to which the Committee itself would like to be involved in that process (without prejudicing any involvement in a possible formal consultation on proposals for change).

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Background Documents: None