

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SOUTHAMPTON; UPDATE ON EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT / MONITOR AND THE CHILD HEART SURGERY REVIEW		
DATE OF DECISION:	18 th JULY 2013		
REPORT OF:	UHS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND UHS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			

BRIEF SUMMARY

Following the recent underperformance of the University Hospital Southampton Emergency Department A&E targets Jane Hayward, USH Chief Operating Officer, will give the Panel an update on the progress to date. In addition, Alison Ayres, Director of Communications and Public Engagement, will update the panel on the recent announcement that the child heart surgery reform has been suspended and the implications for the Southampton unit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the panel notes the progress to achieve A&E targets at the University Hospital Southampton, and following discussions with the Chief Operating Officer agrees any issues that may need to be brought forward to a future HOSP meeting.
- (ii) That the panel notes that the child heart surgery reform has been suspended, and following discussions with the Director of Communications and Public Engagement, considers if the HOSP wishes to respond to this announcement based on the implications to the Southampton Unit.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. As part of the HOSP's terms of reference the panel has a role to respond to proposals and consultations from NHS bodies in respect of substantial variations in service provision.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Following a prolonged period of underperformance against the 4-hour A&E operating standard during Q4 11-12 and Q1 12-13, and with encouragement from the CCG, University Hospitals Southampton (UHS) commissioned the national Emergency Care Intensive Support Team (ECIST) to undertake a review of the unscheduled care pathway within trust. The review took place in mid-June 2012 and the trust is now implementing the recommendations. The outcomes and recommendations of this review were reported to the panel on 31st January 2013.
4. Since the initial report Monitor, the health sector regulator, has announced that it is investigating whether the University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust has breached conditions of its licence due to persistent breaches of their A&E targets.
5. An outline of the latest UHS Emergency Department's performance is attached at Appendix 1. A further update will be given at the panel meeting by Jane Hayward, UHS Chief Operating Officer.
6. The panel are asked to note the latest performance and consider any issues that may need to be brought forward to a future HOSP meeting.
7. The panel were involved in responding to the child heart surgery review in 2011. The outcomes from the public consultation supported the concentration of care in fewer, bigger centres, with the Southampton Child Heart Unit remaining in place. These findings were reported to the panel on 15th September 2011.
8. However, following public controversy around some of the closures proposed a High Court judge quashed the decision to stop surgery in Leeds saying the consultation was flawed and 'ill-judged'. Following this, the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, ordered the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) to assess the decision.
9. THE IRP concluded that the '*Safe and Sustainable review was based on a flawed analysis of the impact of incomplete proposals, and leaves too many questions about sustainability and implementation*'. As such the recommendation that the proposals cannot go ahead in their current form was accepted and the review has been suspended.
10. Alison Ayres, Director of communications and public engagement, will give the panel a verbal update on the current situation with regards to the review and outline the potential impact for the Southampton Children's Heart Surgery Unit.
11. The panel is asked to note the changes to the child heart surgery review and consider if the HOSP wishes to respond to this announcement based on the implications to the Southampton Child Heart Surgery Unit.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

12. None

Property/Other

13. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

14. The powers and duties of health scrutiny are set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2003.

Other Legal Implications:

15. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

16. None

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	ALL
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	UHS: Update On Emergency Department Performance
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	HOSP 31 JANUARY 2013: Emergency Care Intensive Support Team Report http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/documents/s15385/Report.pdf
2.	HOSP 15 th SEPTEMBER 2011 ITEM 14: Safe & Sustainable – Review of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England, Report of the Public Consultation; http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=477&MId=2178&Ver=4
3.	IRP Report on the Independent Review of the Safe & Sustainable Review of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England Process http://www.irpanel.org.uk/lib/doc/000%20s&s%20report%2030.04.13.pdf

Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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