



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 17 November 2008

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Specialised Commissioning Services

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To receive a presentation from the Director of the East Midlands Specialised Commissioning Services Group.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 East Midlands Specialised Commissioning Group (EMSCG) was established in April 2007 to ensure people living in the East Midlands receive access to the highest quality specialised services possible within available resources. The East Midlands SCG works on behalf of all 9 Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in the region and formal mechanisms are in place to allow the SCG to:
 - Plan, assess needs, procure and performance monitor specialised services, based upon the national specialised service definition set.
 - Develop, negotiate, agree, maintain and monitor contracts with providers of specialised services.
 - Undertake reviews of specialised services and manage the introduction of drugs and new technologies.
 - Co-ordinate a common approach to the commissioning of specialised services outside the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) boundary.
 - Manage the pooled budget (from PCT allocations) for commissioning specialised services and put financial risk sharing arrangements in place.
 - Put in place clear processes for the designation of specialised service providers and ensure ongoing clinical quality through a rolling programme of service review.
 - Ensure that a formal process of public and patient involvement underpins the work of the team
- 2.2 Health Reform in England: Update and Commissioning Framework (June 2006) requires that SCGs formally designate specific providers to provide specified specialised services. Designation is based on an agreed set of criteria (e.g. patient-centred, clinical, service, quality, financial) and will be reassessed every five years. The SCG have

developed a designation process with the aim to achieve designation of 50% of the currently commissioned specialised services within this financial year. EMSCG Identified Priorities for 2008/09 include:

1. Blood & Marrow Transplantation Services
2. Children's Services
 - a. Neonatal Critical Care Services
 - b. Paediatric Critical Care Services
3. Hyperbaric Treatment Services **
4. Morbid Obesity Services
5. Specialised Cancer Services
 - a. Children's & Young People's Cancer Services
 - b. Sarcoma Services
 - c. Rare Skin Cancer services
 - d. PET (Positron Emission Tomography is a medical imaging technique)
6. Burns
7. Cleft lip & Palate Services
8. Clinical Genetics and Genetics Labs Services
9. HIV Services for Children
10. Haemophilia Services
11. Neurosciences Deep Brain Stimulation
12. Mental Health
 - a. High Secure Mental Health Services
 - b. Medium Secure Mental Health Services
 - c. CAMHS Tier 4

2.3 The EMSCG have established a Clinical Priorities Advisory Group (CPAG) which it is using as a formal mechanism to monitor the process and make recommendations to the SCG Board. If recommended designation involves a substantial variation in provider services then a formal consultation will be undertaken which will include a range of stakeholders including patients and the public and the ASH Commission.

2.4 The Director of EMSCG Kate Caston is visiting health OSC's in the region to explain the role and responsibility of Specialised Commissioning Group and invite elected members to get involved in the designation process where appropriate.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 gives health scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 to help us all to be healthy and active.