

KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING DATE: Thursday 28th June
TITLE OF PAPER: Plans to respond to the Secretary of State letter
<p>1. Purpose of paper</p> <p>To provide an update on the Right Care, Right Time, Right Place Programme</p>
<p>2. Background</p> <p>The Right Care, Right Time, Right Place Programme proposes changes to the provision of hospital and community health in Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield.</p> <p>Following receipt of the response from the Secretary of State in relation to the referral from the Joint Scrutiny to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel, this report provides an update for the Health & Wellbeing Board.</p>
<p>3. Service update</p> <p>The Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP)'s report into the proposed future arrangements for hospital and community health services in Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield was received by the CCGs in May. The IRP report identifies three areas which require further focus, those being; out of hospital (community) care, hospital capacity and the availability of capital financing. We will continue our planned work with partners to further develop our thinking on the three areas highlighted.</p> <p>The IRP has reached the conclusion that the status quo is not an option and pursuing the proposal in more detail is reasonable in the interests of local health services. It has recognised that the clinical case for concentrating all the relevant services for those with emergency needs in one location, and separating these from planned care has been reinforced, not contradicted, and accepted that an alternative model was not identified during the consultation.</p> <p>Additionally, the report identifies real concern and a sense of urgency as it has become increasingly difficult to recruit and retain key medical staff stretched across two sites and that there is now the prospect of needing to make service changes to protect their safety and quality. Should this be the case, contingency plans would be shared with the JHSC.</p> <p>In line with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's request, the CCGs will work with NHSE, NHSI and the Joint Scrutiny Committee to identify the necessary action required to safeguard the quality and safety of hospital and community services into the future and report back to him on progress.</p>
<p>4. Financial Implications</p>

None
5. Sign off Carol McKenna
6. Next Steps None
7. Recommendations The Board is asked to note the report
8. Contact Officer Jen Mulcahy Programme Manager- Right Care, Right Time, Right Place Programme NHS Calderdale CCG and NHS Greater Huddersfield CCG