

Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
6 July 2018

Hospital and Community Health Services Reconfiguration – Response of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

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1 Background

The proposals of Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group and Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group to reconfigure hospital and community health services in Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield were referred to Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care by the Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) in September 2017.

As is normal practice, the Secretary of State passed the referral to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) for their consideration.

The Secretary of State wrote to Councillor Liz Smaje (Kirklees) and Councillor Adam Wilkinson (Calderdale), the joint Chairs of the Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on 10 May forwarding the review by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel and setting out his own conclusions. Both letters are attached to this report as appendices.

2 Issues identified by the Independent Review Panel

Both letters are brief and so are not summarised in this cover report. The IRP asked the local NHS and the JHOSC to take stock of the current situation and, in particular, to focus on; the programme for changes to out of hospital services; hospital capacity; and capital financing.

The Secretary of State has asked NHS England and NHS Improvement to work with the local CCGs and the JHOSC and report back in three months (10 August) on progress in implementing the IRP recommendations.

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Councillor Smaje (Kirklees) and Councillor Hutchinson (Calderdale) met with the Chief Officers of Calderdale CCG and Greater Huddersfield CCG and with the Director of Transformation and Partnerships, CHFT on 15 June 2018 to discuss arrangements for considering the response from the Secretary of State.

As well as agreeing the arrangements for this meeting on 6 July 2018, it was also proposed to arrange a workshop for late July.

4 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee formally receives and notes the correspondence from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

5 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Letter from Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to Cllrs Smaje and Wilkinson

Appendix 2 – Letter from Lord Ribeiro, Chairman, Independent Reconfiguration Panel to Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

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