

**IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS FOR LIVER METASTASES SURGERY:  
WORKING GROUP**

**To:** HEALTH COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**From:** Liz Robin, Director of Public Health

**Electoral division(s):** All

**Forward Plan ref:** Not applicable      *Key Decision*      No

**Purpose:** To nominate members to a joint working group with Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils to follow up issues arising from NHS England's changes to the provision of surgery for liver metastases.

**Recommendation:** The Committee is asked to nominate up to three members to a joint working group to examine issues arising from NHS England's changes to the provision of surgery for liver metastases.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A time-limited Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) was established in autumn 2013 by the three local authorities concerned to consider proposals from NHS England to create a single centralised service for liver metastases surgery (i.e. surgery for bowel cancer which had spread to the liver) serving the populations of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, with operations being conducted on a single surgical site at CUHFT (Addenbrookes Hospital).
- 1.2 The former Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee nominated Cllrs Peter Ashcroft, Adrian Dent and David Jenkins to the JHOSC.
- 1.3 The JHOSC, which was convened by Suffolk County Council, examined the proposals between September and November 2013, and submitted its recommendations to NHS England in December 2013.
- 1.4 The JHOSC disagreed with NHS England's proposal for a single surgical site, recommending instead that two surgical sites be retained, under the management of a single centralised multi-disciplinary team. It also had concerns about the extent to which the proposals were supported by the referring hospitals and the Clinical Commissioning Groups in the three counties, and about inaccuracies in the data provided to the Committee about the number of liver resection operations undertaken.

## **2. MAIN ISSUES**

- 2.1 As reported to the Health Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the JHOSC and NHS England held a local resolution meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014, using an independent facilitator. This resulted in consensus being achieved on the issues that the JHOSC had raised. In particular, the JHOSC agreed to support NHS England's proposal for a single surgical centre on the basis that it would lead to the best clinical outcomes for patients. This was subject to there being further discussion between the JHOSC and NHS England on the following issues:
  - access and transport for patients and carers
  - patient and wider public engagement plans.
  - transition plans to the new arrangements
  - clear and agreed patient pathways from referral to rehabilitation
  - clear communication to patients and the public about the service and the whole pathway
  - assurance that there was reliability in booking and appointments
  - explanation of governance arrangements
  - an opportunity to comment on key performance indicators
- 2.2 It was therefore agreed that a further meeting would be arranged between NHS England, JHOSC members, representatives from CUHFT (Addenbrooke's Hospital) and other appropriate stakeholders.

- 2.3 It is likely that this meeting will take place in late September or early October, when NHS England expects to have outline implementation and transition plans, the wider public engagement plans and some feedback from these, information on the new pathway and feedback on the other issues raised in the resolution report.
- 2.4 A working group consisting of scrutiny members from the three local authorities concerned is required in order to take this work forward. The working group would be supported by Norfolk County Council.

### **3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

#### **3.1 Resource Implications**

There are no significant implications

#### **3.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications**

There are no significant implications.

#### **3.3 Equality and Diversity Implications**

There are no significant implications

#### **3.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications**

There are no significant implications

#### **3.5 Localism and local member involvement Implications**

There are no significant implications

#### **3.6 Public Health Implications**

Member engagement in the implementation of the proposals should contribute to improved clinical outcomes for patients requiring surgery for liver metastases,

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Reports and minutes of the JHOSC on the proposals for Liver Resection Services	<a href="http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/searchResult.aspx?qry=c_committee~~Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the Proposals for Liver Resection Services">http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/searchResult.aspx?qry=c_committee~~Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the Proposals for Liver Resection Services</a>
Report and minutes Health Committee 29.05.14	Rm 114, Shire Hall, Cambridge <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>