

SUMMARY

Future commissioning of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery and Interventional Cardiology for the population of Northern Ireland.

Following an external review of services for children with heart disease in Northern Ireland, the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) are now consulting widely on the future arrangements for children who require heart surgery and other interventional aspects of cardiac care.

A copy of the Review report is available on the HSCB website:

www.hscboard.hscni.net/news/Paediatric_Congenital_Cardiac_Services.html

It is very important that everyone with an interest in these vital services considers the consultation document and makes known their views during the course of the consultation which will run from **Wednesday, 26 September 2012 to Friday, 21 December 2012**.

A series of public meetings will be held over the next three months at venues across Northern Ireland. The meetings will provide an opportunity to find out more about the consultation process and encourage input from all stakeholders. There will also be focus groups and meetings held with parents, children and other key groups during this period.

A consultation document has been developed. The document contains six sections:

1. **Introduction** – this section sets out the purpose of the consultation document.
2. **Background** – this section provides additional information about current services; the recent review; developments elsewhere in UK and the establishment of the working group.

3. **Draft specification** – this section sets out the proposed standards against which the HSCB would plan to commission Paediatric Cardiac Surgery and Interventional Cardiology from early 2013.
4. **Generic Options and Criteria for Assessment** – this section sets out a range of options for the future provision of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery and Interventional Cardiology and criteria against which the options will be assessed.
5. **Implications** – this section sets out the potential implications of utilising the criteria set out in section 4 against each of the six proposed options. This section also sets out the potential implications on other related services including congenital services for older children and adults and other paediatric and cardiac services.
6. **Consultation Questions** – this section gives details of how stakeholders can respond to the consultation and provide views on the service specification, range of options, and assessment criteria.

The consultation document is available from:

www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult/PCCS_Consultation

Responding to the consultation:

You can respond to the consultation in one of the following ways:

1. Download the questionnaire from the HSCB website and either e-mail it or post it to addresses below.
2. Request a hard copy of the form and post in back to the address below.
3. Fill in an online form on the dedicated HSCB site
www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult/PCCS_Consultation

Further information is available from:

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