

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Healthier Communities and Older People Overview & Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	18 th January 2011
TITLE:	Final Recommendations of the Ear, Nose and Throat and Oral and Maxillofacial Head and Neck Cancers Services Review
WARD:	ALL
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Final Recommendations	
BANES Substantial Variation Impact Assessment	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide BaNES' Healthier Communities and Older People Overview & Scrutiny Panel with sufficient information about the Head and Neck Cancers, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) and Oral and Maxillofacial (OMF) Services Review to allow the Panel to decide whether or not to support the proposals to implement the new clinical service model at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (UH Bristol) in line with the service specification.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to support the decision of the Professional Executive Committees and Board of NHS BaNES:

- 2.1 To implement a clinical service model for a centralised hub for all inpatient and day case head and neck cancer, ENT and OMF services with satellite and spokes providing diagnostic, follow up and less complex procedures.
- 2.2 For the centralised hub to be located at the BRI and hub services to be provided and managed by UH Bristol and for UH Bristol to proceed with implementation planning for May 2012 (in line with the opening of South Bristol Community Hospital).
- 2.3 For UH Bristol to work with local commissioners and providers from across the network to ensure there is good access to spokes across the network area.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 100% of the service is in tariff. UH Bristol have committed to paying the costs involved in transferring the elements of the service that will move from NBT. NHS Bristol’s Finance Team have made recommendations to the Commissioning Team about how the risks can be mitigated and these will be implemented.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 See attached.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

5.2 The recommendations outlined will move us towards Improving Outcomes Guidance (IOG) compliance. By not implementing these recommendations we risk being unable to meet IOG requirements and therefore Trusts would not be able to meet all peer review measures.

5.3 Financial risks have been mitigated by UH Bristol’s confirmation that they can meet the costs of the service transfer and the fact that 100% of activity is in tariff and therefore the cost of this will not change. Further mitigation regarding service growth will be built into the contract.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 An equality impact assessment has been completed (see appendix 3 of the Final Recommendations Report). UH Bristol was asked to respond to the findings set out in this Assessment and indicates how they would take into account the recommendations in their Provider Response. The Provider Response can be provided on request.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 *Overview & Scrutiny Panel*

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	

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