INDEPENDENT RECONFIGURATION PANEL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2013**

# London

**Present: Lord Ribeiro Chairman**

**Dr Shera Chok**

**Mr Glenn Douglas**

**Dr Shane Duffy – for item 4 onwards**

**Ms Rosemary Granger**

**Ms Tessa Green – for item 4 onwards**

**Dr Jane Hawdon**

**Ms Nicky Hayes**

**Mr John Parkes**

**Ms Linda Pepper**

**Mr Hugh Ross**

**Ms Gina Tiller**

**Mr Richard Jeavons Chief Executive**

**Mr Martin Houghton Secretary to Panel**

**Ms Maureen Larkin**

**Apologies: Ms Cath Broderick**

**Dr Fiona Campbell**

**Dr Nick Coleman**

**Ms Brenda Howard**

**Ms Linn Phipps**

1 **Introduction**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed Maureen Larkin, who was assisting with the *Shaping a Healthier Future* review, to the meeting.

2 **Declarations of interest**

2.1 Item 6i. Cath Broderick and Linda Pepper had both undertaken work in Trafford and Manchester in the past.

2.2 Item 6ii. Linda Pepper is a public governor for Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

2.3 Item 6iii. It was acknowledged that all Members – by virtue of place of residence - could potentially have some interest in the national review of children’s congenital heart services.

2.4 None of the above declarations were considered to represent a conflict of interest to the Panel’s consideration in the meeting.

3 ***Shaping a Healthier Future*** **– proposed changes to health services in north west London**

3.1 The Secretary of State for Health had commissioned the IRP to undertake a full review of proposals for changes to health services in north west London.

3.2 The proposals, known as *Shaping a Healthier Future*, seek to address the challenge of how to secure sustainable, high quality health services for residents of north west London. They include changes to acute hospital services as well as the development of enhanced out-of-hospital services.

3.3 The proposals were referred to the Secretary of State on 19 March 2013 by Ealing Health and Adult Social Services Standing Scrutiny Panel (HASSSP).

3.4 A sub-group of the full IRP - consisting of Lord Ribeiro, Shera Chok, Rosemary Granger, Jane Hawdon, Nicky Hayes, John Parkes, Linn Phipps, and Gina Tiller - had been appointed to carry out the review. Two Panel members – Shane Duffy and Tessa Green – had declared an interest and would take no part in the Panel’s considerations. [Secretariat Note: and were not present for this part of the meeting]

3.5 Sub-group members had visited all the hospital sites included within the proposals as well as other relevant locations. Evidence-taking sessions had commenced including, so far, the *Shaping a Healthier Future* programme team, and the Ealing HASSSP. A drop-in session with staff at Ealing Hospital had been constructive. Meetings with local MPs had been arranged. Further meetings with interested parties, including patients, members of the public, campaigning groups, clinicians, representatives of professional bodies, local politicians, and NHS officials were due to be held.

3.6 Members considered emerging findings. The Panel’s advice was due to be submitted to the Secretary of State on 13 September 2013.

4 **Minutes of last meeting**

4.1 The minutes of the meeting on 23 May 2013 were agreed.

5 **Matters arising**

5.1 Para 7.2 It was proposed that the next meeting on the morning of 14 November 2013 be combined with a development session for Panel members in the afternoon and evening. A representative of NHS England would be invited to attend to discuss the role of reconfiguration within the new NHS system and, if possible, a representative from Healthwatch England.

6 **Chairman’s update**

6.1 The Panel’s initial assessment advice on the referral by Trafford and Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee concerning proposed changes to services at Trafford General Hospital was submitted on 25 March 2013 and would be published today.

6.2 The Panel’s initial assessment advice on the referral by Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee regarding vascular services in Cumbria and Lancashire was submitted on 19 April 2013 and would be published today.

6.3 The Panel’s report on the *Safe and Sustainable* proposals for children’s congenital heart services was published on 12 June 2013 to widespread media attention. The reaction had mainly been very positive. The IRP had no performance role in taking *Safe and Sustainable* forward. This was a matter for NHS England which had been asked to report back to the Secretary of State by the end of July 2013 on how it intended to take work forward. Richard Jeavons and Martin Houghton met Dr Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland, on 26 June 2013 to discuss the Panel’s report. Dr McBride had been asked to make recommendations to NI Ministers on congenital heart services in Northern Ireland.

6.4 A referral had been made to the Secretary of State by the Lincolnshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee regarding ambulance services in the east midlands. The proposals, developed by the East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust, would streamline the management structure, implement a new service model and reform the Trust’s estate to enhance ambulance deployment. An IRP sub-group had considered the referral and initial assessment advice had been submitted, on time, on 28 June 2013. The Secretary of State’s decision was awaited. [Secretariat Note: The Panel’s advice was published on 9 August 2013]

7 **Any other business**

7.1 None.

8 **Date of next meeting**

8.1 Thursday 12 September 2013.