

Whittington Health Trust Board

5 July 2017

Title:	The Lower Urinary Tract Service (LUTs) Update						
Agenda item:	17/104		Paper			08	
Executive Summary:	The Trust continues to work to secure the succession plan and be assured of the safety and governance of the LUTS service. The paper summarises the progress to date and work over the summer to enable us to be in a position to open to new patients.						
Summary of recommendations:	To note progress and next steps for the Lower Urinary Tract Service						
Fit with WH strategy:	Aligns with clinical strategy						
Reference to related / other documents:	Compliance with Nice guidelines and health national policies and guidance						
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1. Background

The LUTs service was subject to an RCP invited service review in May 2016. Since that time the Trust has been working to identify a succession plan for the clinic following the retirement of Professor James Malone Lee and to ensure that there is assurance of safety and improved governance in place.

This paper describes the progress made and proposes the next steps to enable the reopening to new patients.

- There have been two desk top reviews against the RCP recommendations and action plan since February 2017. Both reviews have demonstrated progress against the recommendations.
- The clinic has remained open to current patients throughout this time. Professor James Malone Lee has continued to work with the Trust and there have been regular meetings with him throughout this time.
- There have been six meetings with members of the patient group over the last 12 months to engage them fully in planning and progress.
- There continue to be meetings with commissioners, UCL and colleagues from UCLH to finalise arrangements.

2. Succession Plan

Professor James Malone Lee retired in June 2016. He has continued to work with the Trust following retirement. A key recommendation of the RCP report was to work with UCL and UCLH to identify a succession plan and work towards a tertiary setting for the clinic.

There has been significant progress with agreement from UCLH, within the context of our Clinical Collaboration, to a shared Consultant post in Urogynaecology. This post will be subject to the business case process and approvals process in each Trust. This will allow us to have clinical leadership in place. Target date for new consultant in post will be June 2018.

UCLH Foundation Trust and the Whittington Health NHS Trust with support from UCL are working together to agree the research governance for the clinical service. Each Trust is responsible for the clinical research studies conducted within its service areas. UCL can support the development of clinical research proposals and also applications for funding grants if need be. UCL provides the governance for related basic research located on its Royal Free Campus. The academic activities, i.e. basic research work, of Professor Malone-Lee are governed by UCL. With regard to the future LUTs service, proposals to establish research trials are being

developed; principle and clinical investigators are being explored. It is aimed that these studies will be part of the new service from June 2018, but it is important that the board recognises securing funding and ethical agreement and sponsorship for trials is a long process which may go well beyond June 2018.

As recommended by the RCP we will work towards the service being based in a tertiary setting. Pending the MDT functioning, initially new referrals for the WH service will be accepted only via secondary care providers. Appropriate onward referrals can then be made to the existing service which will continue to be provided from the Hornsey Central site with a long term plan, pending acceptance of a clinical research framework, to enable the clinic to be within a tertiary governance setting.

3. Safety and governance

The Board asked for assurance regarding the safety and governance for the clinic being in place. Again progress has been made in both areas.

- Monitoring of compliance with practice restrictions in place
- Improved consent forms and patient information
- IT systems integrated
- Standard operating procedure in place
- Protocol for use of skype in consultations in place
- Audit programme integrated into Trust audit programme
- Paediatric pathway in place with Great Ormond Street Hospital

4. Multidisciplinary team working

In order to be able to reopen to new patients the Trust needs assurance that there is a functioning multidisciplinary team (MDT) in place. This was a recommendation of the RCP report and is the advice from NHSE and NHSI. This has proved challenging and now with learning from different approaches to developing an MDT we are instigating a new MDT at Whittington Health for this service. Draft terms of reference are in place. The first reconstituted MDT will meet in July. Local commissioners will be members of the MDT. New patients will be accepted into the clinic on a phased approach and with the agreement of local commissioners that there is a functioning MDT in place.

We continue as a priority to work with partners to enable the service to reopen to new patients. We will discuss with the patient group this week the key messages that we will be sending to all current patients of the LUTs service.

The Board are asked to note the progress and next steps.