

**TRAFFORD COUNCIL**

**Report to:** Health Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015  
**Report of:** Democratic and Performance Services Manager

**Report Title**

**Specialised Cancer Service Procurement Update**

**Summary**

**To update the committee in relation to progress of the procurement of specialised cancer services within Greater Manchester.**

**Recommendation(s)**

**To note the report.**

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## Background

1. In September 2014 a representative of NHS England presented a report entitled “Improving Outcomes – Specialised Cancer Services” to the Health Scrutiny Committee. The report detailed NHS England’s plans to reconfigure cancer services across Greater Manchester by creating a number of specialised cancer services. The plans would reduce the number of places where these services would be available but were intended to ensure that all treatment is carried out by experienced staff with expertise in the field.
2. In December 2014, NHS England made the decision to begin the procurement for specialist cancer services within Greater Manchester. The decision was made earlier than scheduled as parts of the country where services had already been reconfigured were showing year on year improvements in survival rates and so it was decided to progress the changes.
3. The procurement process finished in May 2015. However, NHS England were unable to make an award from the procurement and the process has been stopped. This was due to NHS England making a detailed review of their position which led them to conclude that an assured, unequivocal award could not be made. This means that the current pathways remain unchanged until the issues which prevented the award can be resolved. The reconfiguration of specialised urological cancer services across Greater Manchester is still planned to go ahead with NHS England working with Greater Manchester Devolution and CCGs to reach a resolution by March 2016.