
Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

19th January 2011

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & ITT

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Vascular Services across Yorkshire and the Humber Region

Summary

1. This report presents Members with the consultation papers in relation to proposed changes to vascular services across the Yorkshire & Humber Region. Members are asked to formulate their response to the consultation attached at Annex A to this report. Relevant people will be in attendance at the meeting to speak on the key points regarding the consultation and proposed changes to this service.
2. In November 2010 Councillor Wiseman, the Vice-Chair of the Committee visited the vascular laboratories at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Her comments are attached at Annex B to this report.

Background

3. The Yorkshire and Humber Specialised Commissioning Group (SCG) has conducted a review of vascular services on behalf of the 14 primary care trusts in the Yorkshire and Humber region. It is proposing to reorganise the way that these specialised services are provided in order to improve the care, quality and safety of patients.
4. In reaching a preferred option for how vascular services could best be provided to benefit patients the SCG Board considered a number of alternatives and decided to recommend that four single vascular services, with a number of hospitals working in partnership, are established in the region. **Annex A** to this report provides further details about the proposals and how they would effect each area of the region.

Consultation

5. The review undertaken by the SCG has looked at national and international evidence and has included the views of doctors, other NHS staff within the region, vascular service patients, the public and independent clinical experts.
6. The SCG are now consulting formally on the proposals and would like to hear from local people, vascular patients and anyone who might have an interest in

this review, this includes Overview and Scrutiny Committees across the region. The deadline for responding to the consultation is 28th January 2011.

Options

7. Members have the following options:

Option A Take part in the consultation

Option B Do not take part in the consultation

Analysis

8. Members are advised to take part in this consultation in order that their views can be forwarded to the SCG as part of their review. It is important that Members have a clear understanding of the implications the proposed service changes will have on the residents of York. In light of this relevant people have been invited to today's meeting to present further information to the Committee and answer any questions they may have.
9. Regional service changes can have enormous impacts and can be popular in some areas across a region and not in others. This Committee has an opportunity to have a voice and express its views in relation to the proposed service changes and any impact that these may have on the residents of York. It is therefore important that if Members feel that the changes will have a positive impact for York and generally support them that they express these views through the consultation exercise equally as much as if they feel that they will have a negative impact.

Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

10. This report is linked to the 'Healthy City' aspect of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

Implications

11. There are no known implications associated with the recommendation within this report.

Risk Management

12. There is a risk that if Members choose not to respond to the consultation their views will not be heard.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to respond to the consultation document attached at Annex A, taking into consideration the information within the consultation document itself, any further information received at today's meeting and the comments from Councillor Wiseman at Annex B to this report.

Reason: In order that the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee's voice can be heard in relation to the proposed service changes to vascular services across the region.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A Consultation documentation
Annex B Councillor Wiseman's comments