



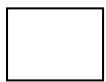
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 23 November 2010

Subject: Vascular Services Review – Consultation on proposed changes

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the Scrutiny Board (Health) with details of proposed changes to Vascular Services across the Yorkshire and Humber Region, with particular reference to the likely implications for service users in Leeds.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Current legislation places a duty on local NHS bodies to make arrangements to involve and consult patients and the public in the planning and development of local health services, and decisions about changes to the operation of those services.
- 2.2 In addition, where a local NHS body has under consideration any proposal for a major development and/or variation of health services relevant to a specific local authority area; there is a requirement to consult the local Health Overview and Scrutiny Board.

3.0 Vascular Services

- 3.1 On behalf of the 14 primary care trusts in the Yorkshire and the Humber region, the Specialised Commissioning Group (SCG) has conducted a review of vascular services. As a result, SCG is proposing to reorganise the way that these specialised services are provided and accessed. The proposed changes aim to improve the care, quality and safety of patients.
- 3.2 The review has included examination of national and international evidence and has included the views of doctors and other NHS staff within the region, vascular service patients, the public and independent clinical experts.

- 3.3 In reaching a preferred option for how vascular services could best be provided to benefit patients, the SCG Board has considered a number of alternatives and has recommended that 4 single vascular services, with a number of hospitals working in partnership, are established in the region (including Bassetlaw)
- 3.4 To assist the Scrutiny Board (Health) consider the proposed service changes, a copy of the Vascular Services consultation document is attached to this report, The consultation document sets out the background to the review, alongside current service provision and details of the future proposals.

Consultation

- 3.5 The SCG is formally consulting on the proposals and the consultation process commenced on 26 October 2010 and will conclude on 28 January 2011.
- 3.6 Given the regional nature of the review and impact of the proposals, each local Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee within the Yorkshire and Humber region will be given the opportunity to consider the proposals and subsequently provide a consultation response. Consultation responses will be used to inform recommendations to the SCG Board on 25 February 2011, where it is likely that a decision will be made about how the proposals will be taken forward.
- 3.7 Appropriate representatives from NHS Leeds have been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board meeting to outline the proposed changes to Vascular Services and likely implications for patients and the local health economy.

Role of the Scrutiny Board

- 3.8 In considering the proposed changes to Vascular Services the role of the Scrutiny Board (Health) includes considering and seeking assurances regarding the:
- (a) specific impact/ patient benefits of the proposals for current / future service users within the Leeds boundary; and,
 - (b) proposed consultation arrangements and decision-making processes.
- 3.9 In undertaking its role and when considering the details presented and discussed at the meeting, members of the Board are advised that the regional Strategic Health Authority, NHS Yorkshire and the Humber, has a duty to oversee all major service change in the region; ensuring the process adheres to best practice in terms of developing, consulting and implementing major service change.
- 3.10 The Service Change Assurance Process (SCAP) aims to ensure that major service change programmes are managed effectively and on track to realise the expected benefits and to minimise risks.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Board (Health) is asked to consider the information outlined in this report and presented at the meeting, and determine any specific matters it may wish to raise as part of the consultation process.

5.0 Background Papers

Service Change Assurance Process (SCAP) – NHS Yorkshire and the Humber