



## Yorkshire and the Humber Specialised Commissioning Group

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### Yorkshire and Humber Vascular Services Review – Formal Public Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Introduction

The Yorkshire and Humber Specialised Commissioning Group (SCG) has conducted a review of vascular services on behalf of the 14 primary care trusts in Yorkshire and the Humber region and is proposing to reorganise the way that these specialised services are provided in order to improve the care, quality and safety of our patients.

The review has looked at 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. 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). The enclosed document provides details about these proposals and how they would affect each area of the region.

#### The consultation

Between 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 we are consulting formally on the proposals and would like to hear the views of local people and anyone who may have an interest in the review. We are especially keen to hear the views of vascular patients, their carers and staff working in vascular services. Responses to this consultation will be used to shape recommendations to the SCG Board on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 where a decision will be made about how the proposals will be taken forward.



## How to respond to the consultation

Your views are very important and we warmly welcome any comments you wish to make on this proposal. There are a number of ways you can let us know what you think:

- Write to us using the feedback form at the end of the consultation document
- Reply online using our website at [www.yhscg.nhs.uk](http://www.yhscg.nhs.uk) or via the website of your local primary care trust
- Request a meeting  
Please write to Claire Clayton, Team Administrator at the address overleaf or phone: 01226 433681 or email: [claire.clayton@barnsleypct.nhs.uk](mailto:claire.clayton@barnsleypct.nhs.uk)
- Request a telephone conversation  
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**If you would like this information in another format, such as large print or another language, please call 01226 433789 or email [enquiries@barnsleypct.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@barnsleypct.nhs.uk)**

Further information about the vascular services review will be posted on the SCG website [www.yhscg.nhs.uk](http://www.yhscg.nhs.uk)

Thank you very much for your help.



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