

MAJOR TRAUMA IN YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER – BRIEFING NOTE

NATIONAL CONTEXT

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- National Audit Office Report on Major Trauma Care in England, February 2010
- Public Accounts Committee hearing March 2010
- National Major Trauma Clinical Advisory Group Report, September 2010
- NHS Operating Framework for 2011/12, June 2010
- Letter to SHA Chief Executives from Sir David Nicholson, September 2010
- Key Message: Improved management of major trauma will improve patient outcomes

2 POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- Major trauma could be managed far more effectively for both adults and children
- Care needs to be rapid, appropriate and well co-ordinated – achieved by acute hospitals, ambulance services and rehabilitation services working together as a whole system in a major trauma network.
- The improved arrangements for major trauma care will:-
 - Significantly improve the number of major trauma patients making a recovery to non dependent life. Currently 75% are left with a significant long term disability
 - Save lives; an estimated additional 30 lives a year
 - Improve access to specialist services, reducing variation in treatment and outcomes
 - Reduce length of stay by an estimated 4 days
 - Improve access to rehabilitation services

3 PROPOSED NETWORKS IN YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

- 3 sub regional networks
 - West Yorkshire (Leeds MTC)
 - South Yorkshire (Sheffield MTC)
 - North East Yorkshire & the Humber (Hull MTC)
- Each MTC linked to a number of trauma units
- Clear patient pathways in place to facilitate transfer of major trauma patients to major trauma centres

4 WORK IN PROGRESS

- Modelling potential patient numbers
 - Definition/severity of injury
 - Patient flows/boundary issues
 - Repatriation
- Workforce modelling
- Financial modelling
- Identifying specialist rehabilitation capability

5 IMPLEMENTATION

- Phased, with first phase going live 1 April 2012
- Continued engagement with clinicians to define protocols, patient pathways, work to meet required standards
- Continued engagement with regional charities, groups and, individuals with an interest in this service
- Briefings for individual OSCs on local implications

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Pathway Development

