

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 11 February 2019

Subject: Proposed changes to specialist vascular services for adults in West Yorkshire

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce a report from the NHS England Specialised Services Commissioners that provides an details relating proposed changes to specialist vascular services for adults in West Yorkshire.

Summary of main issues

2. A report from NHS England is attached and in broad terms covers the following areas in relation to the overall proposed changes to specialist vascular services for adults in West Yorkshire:
 - A summary of the proposed changes;
 - An outline of why changes are needed;
 - An assessment of the impact on patients; and,
 - Planned patient and public engagement.
3. The attached report also sets out details of the national service specification requirements for specialist vascular services, which also states that vascular services should be organised in integrated vascular networks that should consist of “arterial centres”, which provide arterial surgery and complex interventions, and other hospitals that provide outpatient clinics, diagnostics, day-case surgery and interventions, review of in-patient referrals and rehabilitation. The aim of such networks is to ensure patients have direct local access to the vascular service and travel to the arterial centre for specific complex interventions only.

4. Key requirements for vascular networks and arterial centres are specified in the national service specification, and include:
 - The catchment population;
 - The consultant workforce;
 - The type and number of specific procedures.

Specific details on these matters are set out in the attached report; along with an assessment of compliance against these standards across West Yorkshire.

5. In 2016, NHS England commissioned the Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Senate (a body providing free, fully independent and impartial clinical advice on any proposals for service change that have significant implications for patients and the public) to review vascular services across Yorkshire and the Humber, including West Yorkshire. The Clinical Senate published its report in January 2017 (which is also appended to this report) and recommended the following for West Yorkshire:
 - Due to population numbers and workforce concerns there should only be two arterial centres in West Yorkshire (WY),
 - One centre should be at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI) co-located with the Major Trauma Centre (MTC)
 - One should be at either Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust.
 - Co-location of vascular and renal services should be an important consideration in the decision about the arterial centre location
6. Further details are provided in the attached report and appropriate NHS representatives have been invited to the meeting to discuss the proposals and address questions from Members of the JHOSC.

Joint Scrutiny arrangements

7. It should also be noted that following informal consideration of the proposals set out in the attached report, NHS England wrote to the Chair of the North Yorkshire and each of the five West Yorkshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees advising that the proposals represented a substantial service change that impacts on several local authority areas; and requesting a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the most appropriate way to consider the proposals – as detailed in Section 30 of the Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Regulations (2013).

Recommendations

8. That the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the proposals set out in the attached report and agrees any specific scrutiny actions and/or future activity.

Background documents¹

9. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.