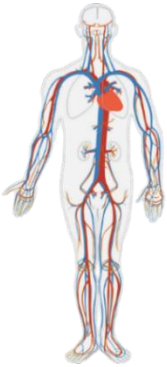


# Vascular Services Programme

## Programme Briefing and Key Messages

Issue 2: February 2019

Welcome to the second edition of this briefing which aims to keep stakeholders informed and up to date about the work of the Vascular Programme Board by regularly providing Key Messages and inviting your comments and views.



### ***Vascular clinical teams' event***

An event for vascular clinical team members to find out more about the work of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Vascular Services Programme took place on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The event provided an opportunity for teams to give feedback and ask questions. Information was provided around the background and history of the programme, the process that is being worked through and the progress to date. Damian Riley and Gerry Skailles, Medical Directors at East Lancashire Hospitals and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals respectively, hosted the event and delivered a [presentation](#) along with Tracy Murray, Senior Programme Lead, and Arun Pherwani, Clinical Lead and Chair of the Vascular Programme Board.

The event was well attended, with around 40 delegates, representing a variety of disciplines. After the event Damian Riley stated that it had been a useful way to address and alleviate concerns, and whatever the outcome of the process is, the result should be improvement, and right for patients and the whole region. A further engagement event will be organised to take place in three months in order to provide regular updates and receive input from the vascular services' workforce.

### ***Key Messages from the 26/02/19 Vascular Programme Board***

#### ***- The Amputation Foundation***

Louise Waldron, a representative from the [Amputation Foundation](#), visited the meeting to provide information about the charity and the services that they provide to support amputees, which included linking in with hospitals to meet with people who are due to have or have experienced an amputation, benefits advice, confidence building, education and retraining, peer support and social activities.

#### ***- The Vascular Society***

Arun Pherwani, Clinical Lead, advised the board that he had discussed progress and the shortlisted options with the Vascular Society and they supported the work that had been carried out to date and the future approach to identifying a preferred option.

#### ***- Vascular Data and Analytics subgroup***

The first meeting of the Vascular Data and Analytics (VDA) subgroup is due to take place Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, chaired by Dr Stephen Gilligan and Dr Mohamed Banihani. Business Intelligence leads and Operational Managers from all Trusts have been invited to attend. The group aims to:

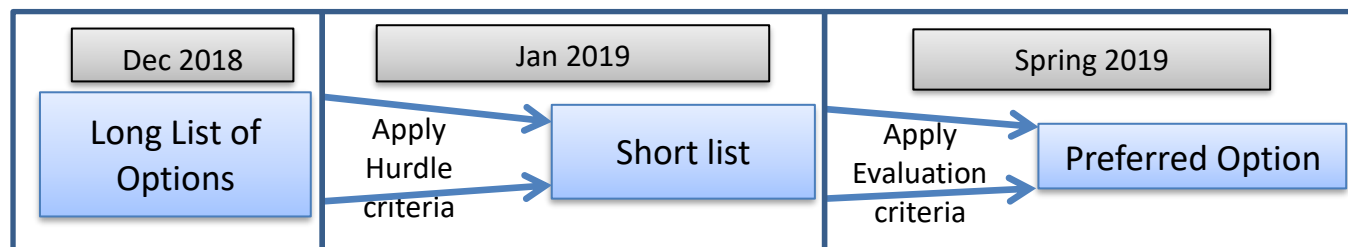
- Support the Programme Board in evaluating the short list of service model options
- Clearly articulate the current service and its strength and weaknesses
- Establish a baseline to measure the effectiveness of any service changes in the future

The aim for this first meeting of the VDA group will be to obtain agreement regarding which procedure and diagnosis clinical codes are to be included in wider analysis and discuss the first draft of the data pack and identify gaps.

If you have any questions about the data group or would like to be involved, please contact Hayley Michell via [hayley.michell@nhs.net](mailto:hayley.michell@nhs.net)

- **The importance of the service evaluation criteria**

At the January 2019 meeting, the Programme Board applied hurdle criteria to a long list of service delivery options. This exercise resulted in a shorter list of possible options for service delivery. These options are now being worked up in more detail in preparation for applying the evaluation criteria, as illustrated in the diagram below:



There were two key actions for the Vascular Programme Board to carry out at the February meeting:

- 1) to confirm whether or not the service evaluation criteria were fit to identify the option that best matches the aims and objectives of the Vascular Programme Board.
- 2) to determine whether any of the evaluation criteria were felt to be more important than others and should therefore be weighted accordingly when evaluating the short-listed service delivery options.

The service evaluation criteria fit, in no particular order, under the following themes:

- How far will this option improve access to care?
- Does this option maintain or improve quality?
- Does the model maintain or improve staff experience?
- How far does the model contribute to prevention of ill health and promotion of a healthy lifestyle?
- How far does this option deliver value for money?
- How far does this option contribute to the [Integrated Care System's](#) priorities?
- How well does the model support or promote workforce education and/or research?

There was general agreement from the Programme Board that the criteria were fit for purpose.

Three groups – commissioners, providers and patients – carried out the exercise to consider whether some of the criteria's themes were more or less important than others when being used to evaluate the short-listed service options.

The results from the three groups will be amalgamated and any criteria that are identified as more important will be given a higher percentage weighting when applying them during the evaluation of the short-listed service delivery options.



The outcome of this exercise will be shared at the March meeting of the Vascular Programme Board meeting.

**Next meeting of the Vascular Programme Board**

The next meeting of the Vascular Programme Board is due to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the third edition of this Key Messages document will be shared following this.

**Questions and Queries**

This briefing is for use within your own organisation and across your local system, for discussion and information. Please feel free to include it on meeting agendas and circulation lists as you see fit.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact [sharonwalkden@nhs.net](mailto:sharonwalkden@nhs.net) and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.