# Vascular Workstream **Programme Briefing and Key Messages**

# The Vascular Workforce Engagement Event

Welcome to this edition of the Vascular Programme briefing which provides an overview of the second Vascular Communications Event that took place at the Education Centre at Royal Preston Hospital.

> A Vascular workforce engagement event took place on the evening of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to provide an opportunity for the people who work in Vascular services to find out more about the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria Vascular services programme, the progress so far, and to ask questions, share views and concerns etc.

> Gemma Stanion, the Acute and Specialised Programme Director for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria opened the event and explained the different levels of service delivery – Integrated Care System (ICS), Integrated Care Partnerships (ICP) and neighbourhood – and the governance structure that is in place. The importance of working collaboratively and as partnerships was also emphasised.

This was followed by a presentation from Andrew Bibby, Regional Director of Specialised Commissioning Health & Justice (North West), who provided the background to the programme and information around why change is necessary.

Gemma Stanion then talked through the progress that has been made since the February comms event, the evaluation weighting criteria, scoring panel and timeline.

Ian Stanley, Acting Medical Director at East Lancashire Hospitals Trust and Gerry Skailes, Medical Director at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust described the Provider Organisations' involvement in the Vascular services programme and expressed their support for the aims of the programme and the process that is being followed.

This was then followed by Arun Pherwani, Clinical Lead and Vascular Programme Board Chair who talked through Shortlisted Options and the process being followed to arrive at the preferred clinical option(s) for delivering Vascular services. The presentation slides from the event can be viewed here.

The questions and comments from the event are shown below:

## Q. What is the financial envelope?

A. This information isn't available yet.

# Q. What are the financial implications?

A. Financial data has been requested and will be included in the supporting information scoring pack.

## Q. How do people score?

A. The individuals identified in the scoring panel will have a supporting information scoring pack.









#### Q. What will be the knock-on effect on Acute Services and unintended consequences?

A. The detail will be investigated during the implementation phase.

### Q. What were the financial implications during the previous reconfiguration?

A. We will look at the lessons learnt from the previous reconfiguration and the challenges.

#### Q. Will there be an assessment on the workforce impact?

A. There is an ICS HR & Workforce workstream which will assess this.

Other comments during the event were as follows:

Both Trusts are underperforming on access to treatment. There needs to be a change to the access strategy.

This work is not driven by cost – a saving would be a bonus. The drivers for change are:

- Quality of service for patients
- Bring together staff
- Retaining staff
- Attracting new staff

- Meeting national standards

Need to understand what option 2e 2 Providers – amend ELHT catchment population and establish a formal collaboration means?

This decision is not based on finance but it is included.

Need to be clear on how the services will be delivered, and the risks and consequences need to be described.

#### Next steps

To meet the aims of the programme, it is essential that there is meaningful engagement and involvement with the Vascular services' workforce, and the people who use these services and their families.

The insight provided by the attendees at this Vascular engagement event will be used to inform future communications and create a "Frequently Asked Questions" document which will be shared with stakeholders. It will also be used to shape the documentation outlining any reconfiguration recommendations, i.e. making sure that the views of the people working in the service are known to those responsible for approving service change.

This engagement event provided an opportunity for the people who work in Vascular services to find out more about the programme and to ask questions, share views and concerns etc. Any suggestions for other methods to encourage involvement would be welcomed and can be sent to <u>healthier.lsc@nhs.net</u> so that we can ensure there are the right opportunities in place for anyone interested in this work to find out more.

#### **Questions and Queries**

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