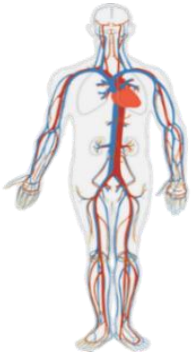


Vascular Services Programme

Programme Briefing and Key Messages

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Welcome to the seventh 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.



Key Messages from the 22/08/19 Vascular Programme Board

In place of the formal Vascular Programme Board meeting that was due to take place on 22/08/19, a meeting took place with a smaller group to agree a way forward for the exercise to score the shortlisted options for delivering vascular services and explore any other programme related issues.

- Scoring the options for delivering vascular services

Following discussion at the July Programme Board, the scoring panel had been asked to indicate which of the evaluation themes they felt confident to score.

The results were reviewed at the 22/08 meeting and showed that for some professional groups there was similarity in the themes they felt confident scoring e.g. both the Clinical Directors felt confident scoring all seven themes, but for other groups there was less correlation. The group agreed that the results would be shared with the professional groups and they would be asked to agree, within their professional group, which themes they would score. This would maintain the equality of organisations and professions in the scoring results and so ensure a fair approach to the scoring exercise. Once the professional groups have agreed which themes they will score, they will review the evidence for their assigned themes and confirm whether it is useful or whether anything else is needed.

The scoring exercise will commence 30/09/19 and end 13/10/19; during this time scoring panel members will assess the shortlisted options and score each option against the evaluation criteria.

The findings from the scoring exercise will then be shared at the October 2019 Vascular Programme Board meeting.

- An additional shortlisted option for delivering vascular services

The group discussed the addition of ELHT as a single site option (July Vascular Programme Board meeting and the [previous edition](#) of the Key Messages) and the rationale that had led to this option being added. The [updated options](#) and their descriptions will be shared with the Vascular Programme Board members for comment on the associated risks and benefits with these additional options.

- Collaborative working

The group reflected on the case for change and aims of the programme; to provide effective vascular services to the population of Lancashire, South Cumbria and Wigan and to provide effective vascular services cover at partner organisations. All agreed collaboration at a clinical level is key to achieving these aims. As the shortlisted options include some form of collaboration, the Clinical Directors and Interventional Radiologists have been tasked with working together to design a set of collaborative working principles to include, amongst other things: possibilities for accommodating colleagues, theatre capacity and rotas for each of the shortlisted options. The outcomes of this exercise will be presented at the September Vascular Programme Board meeting.

- Improving engagement of the workforce with the programme

To share information and receive feedback, the programme has a dedicated Programme Board, holds engagement events and produces monthly Key Messages documents. The Programme Board meets monthly and is made up of representatives from the different organisations and professions involved in vascular services. If you have any questions or would like to speak with someone from your Trust about the work of the Programme Board and this programme to improve the sustainability of vascular services, the following contacts may be useful:

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To look at other ways to improve engagement with the wider workforce, meetings have taken place recently at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Trust, East Lancashire Hospitals Trust and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust with managers from the different specialist teams working with vascular services e.g. nursing, radiology, theatres, therapies. The findings from these meetings will be collated and shared at the next Programme Board meeting.

Next meeting of the Vascular Programme Board

The next meeting of the Vascular Programme Board is due to take place on 26th September 2019.

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 and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.