

# Vascular Services Programme

## Programme Briefing and Key Messages

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Welcome to the sixth 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 23/07/19 Vascular Programme Board**

#### **- An additional shortlisted option for delivering vascular services**

When considering the options for delivering vascular services across Lancashire, South Cumbria and Wigan and arriving at the preferred clinical model, it is extremely important to follow a robust and transparent process that will stand up to challenge and scrutiny and help make a very complex decision.

Initially, following lengthy discussion and agreement at Programme Board, the option of East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust as a single centre for delivering vascular services was not included in the long list of options. Subsequently however, the Specialised Commissioning team from NHS England appropriately challenged this stance, and because we are committed to a transparent and robust assurance process, the Programme Board agreed that this option will now be included with the four other [shortlisted options](#) and proceed through the scoring exercise.

#### **- Getting to hospital by public transport in Lancashire, South Cumbria and Wigan – do you have any insight?**

Colleagues from the Specialised Commissioning team gave a [presentation](#) around travel times to hospital services. They had used a tool called SHAPE (Strategic Health Asset Planning and Evaluation), which maps out the travel times to hospital by car and public transport.

A better understanding of the proportion of people who use public transport to get to hospital – both patients accessing treatment and visitors – is needed as using this method of travel makes a significant difference with regards to timely access. **Does your organisation have any information relating to the methods of transport people use to get to hospital?** If you are aware of any recent audits or studies that have taken place regarding this, please contact [healthier.lsc@nhs.net](mailto:healthier.lsc@nhs.net) as the insight could be very helpful for the programme.

#### **- Scoring the options for delivering vascular services**

Each of the shortlisted options for delivering vascular services will be scored against a set of evaluation criteria. Currently there are over 30 criteria to score the five shortlisted options against, meaning this is a very in-depth exercise.

An information pack is being developed to help the scoring panel members arrive at a score for each of the criteria. The pack is not aiming to provide definitive information against each criterion as the scoring panel members will use their own knowledge/expertise/experience/judgement when giving their score.



The purpose of the information pack is to clarify the area being evaluated and ensure that the panel members are all considering the same information for each criterion.

As members of the scoring panel have different areas of knowledge and experience, they may feel more confident scoring some criteria than others. It was suggested that it may be more effective to have smaller groups of panel members scoring the areas they feel most confident with e.g. someone may be confident to score the criteria relating to workforce, access to care and quality, but feel they do not have sufficient experience to accurately score the value for money or prevention of ill health criteria. To explore this option scoring panel members have been asked to provide feedback on the themes (shown in the table below) they feel confident to score.

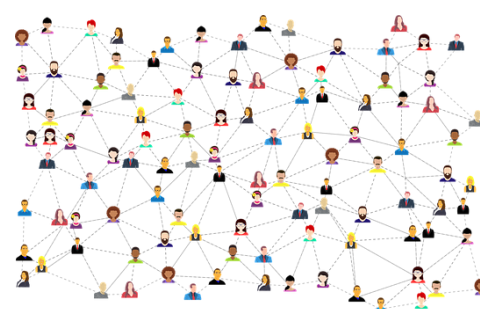
Theme	
A	Maintains or improves quality
B	How far does this option contribute to the Integrated Care System's (ICS) priorities
C	Maintains or improves staff experience
D	How far does this option deliver value for money?
E	How far will this option improve access to care?
F	How far does the model contribute to prevention of ill health and promotion of a healthy lifestyle?
G	How well does the model support or promote workforce education and/or research?

The August Vascular Programme Board meeting will be replaced with a meeting of a smaller group to agree the way forward for the scoring exercise, this will include a review of the scoring panel's scoring areas of confidence and a review of the scoring information pack. It was agreed that the scoring exercise will not be indefinitely delayed, and a date will be set as soon as feasible.

### - **Workforce engagement**

Good quality and meaningful communications and engagement with the workforce is essential in making progress with the aims of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Vascular services programme. We are looking at ways to improve the involvement of the wider workforce associated with vascular services. Meetings have taken place with the HR Business Partners at Trusts to start to understand the best methods to reach this wider workforce who may not access the Key Messages or be able to attend the engagement events.

If you have any suggestions for ways you would prefer to receive information and to ask questions, share comments and concerns etc. please contact [healthier.lsc@nhs.net](mailto:healthier.lsc@nhs.net) so that we can ensure there are the right opportunities in place for anyone interested in this work to find out more and share their views. Also, if there is any particular area of the work you would like to know more about please let us know.



### **Next meeting of the Vascular Programme Board**

The next formal meeting of the Vascular Programme Board is due to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sharonwalkden@nhs.net) and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.