



Welcome to the ninth 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 24 October 2019 Vascular Programme Board

- The results from scoring the options for delivering vascular services

Between 30 September and 13 October members of the scoring panel gave each possible option for delivering vascular services a score against a set of agreed criteria. At the end of this exercise the scores were collated and the agreed weightings were applied.

The option receiving the highest score was option 3dii – a Lancashire, South Cumbria and Wigan Vascular Network formed by the arterial sites at East Lancashire Hospitals Trust and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust transitioning over time to one arterial site at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust.

- Your views

We understand that staff will have concerns, questions and comments and we are looking at holding information sessions shortly. In the meantime, 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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- Next steps

The next step is to document what is needed to run a high quality, safe and effective vascular service across Lancashire, South Cumbria and Wigan - describe what the end product would look like, what resources and finance are needed to achieve this, the benefits of the model and the challenges short, medium and long term. Through this process we will ensure that any unintended consequences of the programme are avoided. The next scheduled meeting of the Vascular Programme Board (26th November) will take place with a smaller group with representation from all Trusts – clinical directors, interventional radiologists, clinical nurse specialists, business managers and vascular anaesthetists - to work on developing this document.

The proposed change has to occur in a safe way. Current services need to be maintained throughout the transition period. Trusts can work together and support each other so that any short-term problems can be resolved through collaboration. The future service will provide patients' care as close to home wherever possible – the outpatients, diagnostics, day case procedures and rehabilitation should still take place locally, with just the acute, in-patient surgery aspect taking place at the hub arterial centre. Once there is more detail about the proposed model and the time lines and finance have been agreed, any impacts on the different staff groups will be better understood.

- The timescale for approval

The timescale for the proposed change is not yet known. This will be obtained during the assurance and approval process which involves sharing the outcome of the scoring exercise and the preferred model at the following forums:

1 November	Care Professionals Board (CPB)
11 November	Specialist Commissioners
14 November	Vascular Society
20 November	System Leaders Executive
21 November	British Society of Interventional Radiology
TBC	Wigan CCG Senior Leadership team meeting
5 December	Informal Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups (JCCCG)
6 December	Provider Board
9 January 2020	Formal JCCCG

Next meeting of the Vascular Programme Board

The next formal meeting of the Vascular Programme Board is due to take place on 19 December 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 respond as soon as possible.