

WIRRAL COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 JANUARY 2011

SUBJECT:	VASCULAR SURGERY - UPDATE REPORT ON CONSULTATION PROCESS
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	KATHY DORAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NHS CHESHIRE, WARRINGTON AND WIRRAL
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	
KEY DECISION	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This update on the consultation plan on changes to vascular services across Cheshire and Merseyside builds upon already extensive engagement with patients, the public and stakeholders on the principles involved in the Vascular Services review. There were 3 consultation phases envisaged as part of the engagement plan:

- Pre-consultation as part of the development of recommendations
- Active consultation on the actual recommendations
- Post-consultation on how the decision is being implemented

2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

2.1 Members are asked to note the consultation plans.

3.0 PRE-CONSULTATION PHASE

3.1 A comprehensive report on the first phase of engagement establishing the case for change and options for the future was shared with all Cheshire and Merseyside Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

3.2 One major event was held for the whole of Cheshire and Merseyside, and this took place in Warrington. Subsequently Wirral OSC has expressed a desire to see more events held in Wirral, and we intend to address this in the formal consultation phase.

3.3 The outcome of the public consultation indicated a clear preference for Patient Safety, ahead of Access, Staff Expertise and Outcomes. Concerns expressed clearly focussed on patients having confidence their views would be listened to within the engagement and selection process for arterial centres. Another area of concern was the potential impact of losing local services and the perceived knock on effect to related services in particular localities.

3.4 In addition to the numerous meetings which followed the event an on-line survey was launched and resulted in 1,800 respondents. The key questions raised on the survey were the same questions posed at the events and but Patient Safety was overwhelmingly felt to be the most important consideration.

4.0 FORMAL CONSULTATION

4.1 Following a firm recommendation by the Project Board, endorsed by Clinical Commissioning Groups across Cheshire and Merseyside, it is proposed to move to a formal public consultation phase reflecting any recommendations made following the Strategic Health Authority 'Gateway' review (looking at the business case for the move) and National Clinical Advisory Team (NCAT) review (looking at the clinical case for the move). The interviews for the NCAT review took place on 23rd December 2011, and the formal report is expected in January 2012; however the NCAT Reviewer was satisfied that we can now move forward with formal consultation on the recommendations.

4.2 It is proposed that formal consultation begins on 23 January 2012 for a period of 12 weeks. The consultation will ask for views on two arterial centres as the preferred option, agreed by the Project Board and the Commissioning Groups. These will be the Countess of Chester for the south of the Mersey and the Royal Liverpool Hospital for the north and operate as centres of arterial networks for the area.

4.3 A comprehensive consultation plan has been drawn up, including the latest draft of the formal consultation document (see appendix). Comments on earlier drafts have already been received by LINKs and patient reps, and amendments incorporated. This draft document is also being circulated to OSC Chairs for any feedback prior to being finalised.

5.0 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

5.1 Each OSC across the Cheshire and Merseyside region has received a briefing paper outlining the progress made thus far, including the Vascular Board Report and outcomes of the CCG Chairs and commissioners. Senior project officers have presented the papers at OSC meetings, and made a formal request for the OSC to support formal consultation phase being progressed.

5.2 Joint OSC arrangements are planned for Halton, St. Helens and Warrington and a second joint OSC is planned to include Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley. We are happy to return to any of the individual OSCs at their invitation.

6.0 LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORKS (LINKS) AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

6.1 A planning meeting with the local LINKs has taken place and a series of public meetings to specifically include LINK members will be taking place during the formal consultation process. Four main events will take place at a range of locations in Liverpool, Warrington, Wirral and Western Cheshire in Jan/Feb 2012, the first of these being in Wirral at Hulme Hall, 3pm-6pm on Tuesday 24 January.

6.2 Further engagement opportunities will take place at the main hospital trusts involved, as well as other public places such as other health sites and shopping centres, with exhibition materials being produced for this purpose.

- 6.3 A frequently asked question sheet was produced following the LINK meeting and will be circulated with consultation documents. LINK in Cheshire West and East were not in attendance at the planning meeting, but all information of the meeting, next steps and consultation materials has been forwarded to them.
- 6.4 A comprehensive stakeholder list has been compiled and will also include every patient who attended the pre-consultation events, or who expressed an interest in ongoing involvement, will be invited to attend, along with targeted patient groups across the Cheshire and Merseyside region.
- 6.5 For a matrix of stakeholders and a summary of activity see appendix below.

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APPENDICES

- Matrix of stakeholders and a summary of activity (included below)
- Vascular Services Consultation Document (attached)

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Health And Wellbeing Overview And Scrutiny Committee	8 th November 2011 (Item 4a)

MATRIX OF STAKEHOLDERS AND A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Stakeholder Group	Communications / Engagement Channels	Methods of Communication/Engagement				
		Meetings	Forums / Events	Briefings / Email / Letter	Newsletter	Local Media
Patient and Public Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LINKs • Members of the public • Previous attendees at engagement event • Patients (via local clinicians and vascular nurses) • User and patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Circulation Foundation ○ Royal College of Radiologist Patient Group 		X X X X X	X X X X	X X X	X X X X
Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCT Managing Directors • Cheshire and Merseyside Cluster Boards • DoCs: • Cheshire and Merseyside DoCs meetings • GPs: • Vascular Project Board • Chairs of CCG Groups • Chairs of LMCs • Chairs of CECs/PECs • Other Cluster staff: Medical Directors; Communication and Engagement Leads 	X X X X X X X X X X		X X X X X X X X X	X X X	
Hospital Trusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Officers • Clinicians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vascular Surgeons ○ Vascular Interventional Radiologists ○ Vascular Anaesthetists 	X X		X X	X X	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical Nurse Specialists ○ Vascular Technicians ○ Physiotherapists ○ Non-medical professionals ● Senior Operational Managers 		X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X X	
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees (HOSCs) / Elected Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HOSCs Chairs / Local Councillors 		X X X	X X X	X X X	
SHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NHS North West - Health System Reform Directorate 	X	X	X	X	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NHS Gateway and National Clinical Advisory Team (NCAT): Align evidence base to four Reconfiguration Tests ● North West Ambulance Service ● C&M Cardiac Network ● Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland: Independent external advice and review of recommendations ● North West Group of Interventional Radiologists Clinical Network Leads: Trauma, Stroke, Diabetes and Renal 	X	X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X X	
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communications tools of PCTs and Hospital Trusts ● Local press targeted advertisement via press release 			X X	X X	X X