

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## WIRRAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Vascular Services in Cheshire and Merseyside
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	All
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Martin McEwan Director of Communications & Engagement NHS Cheshire, Warrington & Wirral
<b>KEY DECISION?</b> ( <i>Defined in paragraph 13.3 of Article 13 'Decision Making' in the Council's Constitution.</i> )	NO

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/UPDATE

- 1.1 The Boards of both NHS Merseyside and NHS Cheshire Warrington and Wirral have approved the final decisions on the Vascular Services Review.
- 1.2 The Boards each agreed the following decisions:
  - that there should be 2 Arterial Centres for Cheshire and Merseyside
  - that the North Merseyside centre should be based at the Royal Liverpool Hospital
  - that the South Merseyside centre should be based at the Countess of Chester Hospital
  - that for those patients in mid-Mersey who would previously have been referred initially into Whiston Hospital, there will be options to be referred to either centre.
- 1.3 The North Mersey network will be implemented from 3 September at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The South Mersey network is preparing for implementation on 1 April 2013, with the arterial centre based at the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. In this context a copy of a recent letter from the Chief Executive of Wirral Hospital Trust detailing progress on local discussions is attached for information at Appendix A.
- 1.4 At the time of writing, it is understood that the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Warrington, Halton & St Helens, and also Wirral Council intend to refer the decision relating to the location of the South Mersey network to the Secretary of State for Health.
- 1.5 Should a referral take place, the Secretary of State has the power to decide whether to accept the decision or require it to be reconsidered. It is possible that the Secretary of State may refer such a decision to an Independent Reconfiguration Panel for review, and for their advice on his decision.

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## APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - Letter from the Chief Executive of Wirral Hospital Trust

APPENDIX B - Equality and the burden of vascular disease across the Cheshire Clinical Network (in place of Equality Impact Toolkit)

APPENDIX C – Addendum Equality and the burden of vascular disease across the Cheshire Clinical Network.

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

NHS Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral Board Paper (CWW12-13/064)

[http://www.wcheshirepct.nhs.uk/viewer.asp?docname=../data/Board\\_Meetings/Cluster\\_04072012/07042012-4July2012Board.pdf](http://www.wcheshirepct.nhs.uk/viewer.asp?docname=../data/Board_Meetings/Cluster_04072012/07042012-4July2012Board.pdf)

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Health and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee	8 <sup>TH</sup> November 2012
Health and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee	20th June 2011