

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	OPTIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF VASCULAR SURGERY FOR SOUTHERN HAMPSHIRE		
DATE OF DECISION:	20 FEBRUARY 2014		
REPORT OF:	COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR (WESSEX AREA TEAM)		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with information on proposals to develop a Vascular Services Network for Southern Hampshire. This proposal is in response to the publication of a national service specification for Specialised Vascular Services in February 2013, for adoption from October 2013. The proposal ensures that vascular services in Southern Hampshire are compliant with the service standards identified in the specification and are sustainable in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) Members are asked to consider the proposals identified in this paper and establish whether the proposals and preferred option, option 4, constitutes a substantial change in service.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. As part of the Health Overview Scrutiny Panel's terms of reference the Panel has a role to respond to proposals and consultations from NHS bodies in respect of substantial variations in service provision. If this proposal constitutes a substantial change in service by more than one Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), it will need to be considered by a joint HOSC.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. This paper shows that 4 options have been considered by NHS England. These considerations are detailed in Appendix 1, including a full analysis of the options, and include the following options:
 - a. Do nothing;
 - b. Establish two vascular networks;
 - c. Establish a Southern Hampshire Vascular Network and move all major complex arterial vascular surgical procedures to Southampton;

- d. Establish a Southern Hampshire Vascular Network and move, on a phased basis, all major complex arterial vascular surgical procedures to Southampton, with further phases considered following successful implementation of phase 1.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The Health and Social Care Act 2011 transferred the direct commissioning of specialised services from NHS Specialised Commissioning to NHS England. NHS England Wessex Area Team is responsible for commissioning and monitoring specialised services provided to the residents of Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth, as well as those in Thames Valley. All specialised services across England have been subject to national review, vascular surgery is one of these specialised services. In February 2013 the national service specification for Specialised Vascular Services was published, for adoption from October 2013.
4. The national service specification identifies key requirements that all Trusts that provide a vascular service must meet. In order for vascular services in Southern Hampshire meet the key requirements identified in the specification a number of options have been considered.
5. This paper provides an update to the HOSC on the development of these options as part of the statutory duty set out in section 244 of the NHS Act 2006, superseded by regulation 13 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 to consult with the Local Authority on proposals that may be a significant development and variation in health services.
6. Since December 2008 we have carried out a thorough process to determine what we believe is the best solution for providing vascular services across Southern Hampshire.
7. Throughout this process we have been mindful of the Secretary of States four tests for service reconfiguration:
 - support from GP commissioners;
 - strengthened public and patient engagement;
 - clarity on the clinical evidence base; and
 - consistency with current and prospective patient choice

It is the view of commissioners that the proposal outlined in this document has been developed taking proper account of these four tests.
8. Appendix 1 outlines the background and details of the case for change to vascular services, the full options considered and outcomes of the option appraisal. It highlights the progress to date since December 2008, comparative performance across local providers alongside outcomes from stakeholder engagement and the impact assessment of the proposed changes.

9. The Panel are asked to note the issues, evidence and options for vascular services and consider if the proposed option 4 is the preferred option, and if so, whether this constitutes a substantial change in service for the residents of Southampton. In considering the evidence the Panel should consider what the best and sustainable option for the future is.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

10. None

Property/Other

11. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

13. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. None

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	ALL
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Outline of options for the provision of vascular surgery for Southern Hampshire
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s) Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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