

Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
Meeting to be held on 24 July 2012

Electoral Division affected: All

Vascular Services Review
(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

The aim of this service review was to reconfigure vascular services and secure improved outcomes for patients across Lancashire and Cumbria. The Vascular Service Review forms part of the wider review being undertaken simultaneously across England.

Officers representing the PCT cluster of Lancashire and Cumbria will provide the Committee with a presentation on the current status of the review

Recommendation

The Joint Health Scrutiny committee is asked to consider and comment on the report.

Background and Advice

Vascular services consist of treatment for conditions where there is not enough blood reaching an organ or parts of the body caused by a partial or total blockage of a blood vessel. An important part of vascular services includes treatment for aneurysms (a fluid-filled bulge in an artery that can weaken it, causing it to leak or burst).

The initial impetus for this review across Lancashire and Cumbria arose from an unsuccessful business case being submitted for the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening programme – a programme that has to be implemented in all parts of England. The National AAA screening programme team's advice was that, to be successful, a review of the provision of vascular services within Cumbria and Lancashire needed to be completed with subsequent changes to where major surgery is undertaken.

The present configuration of services in Cumbria and Lancashire does not promote the transfer of patients to high-volume centres where as the evidence shows improved outcomes can be achieved if such centres are in place.

Further information on the proposed service and consultation process are detailed in Appendix A

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate