



Creating a Vascular Network for Cumbria and Lancashire



What are vascular services?

- Planned or emergency treatment for conditions where there is not enough blood reaching an organ or parts of the body such as the arms, legs or head, caused by a partial or total blockage of an artery.
- This includes life threatening emergencies, such as blood vessel injuries from road accidents. Typical conditions requiring vascular services include abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid disease and limb ischaemia.





A Vascular Network to improve care

- Patients will be supported in the community through new initiatives such as 'leg cafes'
- Our hospitals currently providing vascular services **will continue** to provide outpatients, diagnostics and day surgery
- Only a **small number** of patients will require transferring to Arterial Centres for inpatient surgery (elective and emergencies)
- Specialists from all our hospitals **will work together** to create a Vascular Network and pool their expertise
- The Network will be able to train the specialists of the future



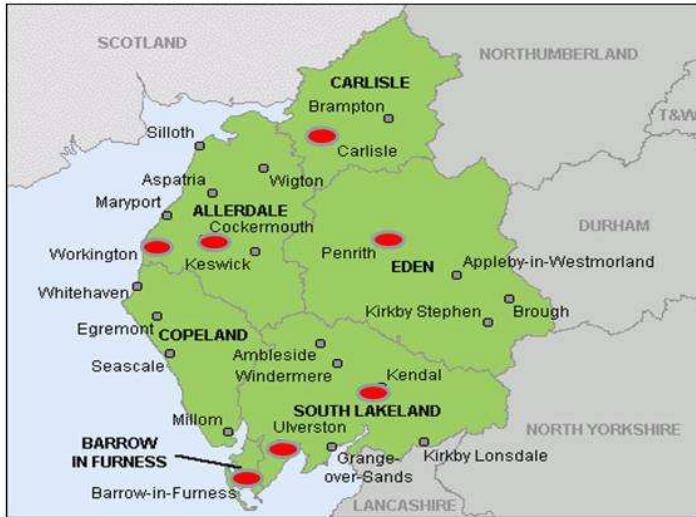
What will a Vascular Network mean for patients?

- Identification of people at risk of cardiovascular disease through AAA screening
- More services provided in the community
- Improved disease detection, prevention and management
- Improved access to specialist skills 24/7/365
- More people surviving after limb amputation, mini-stroke and aortic aneurysm repair
- More people being treated with new technologies



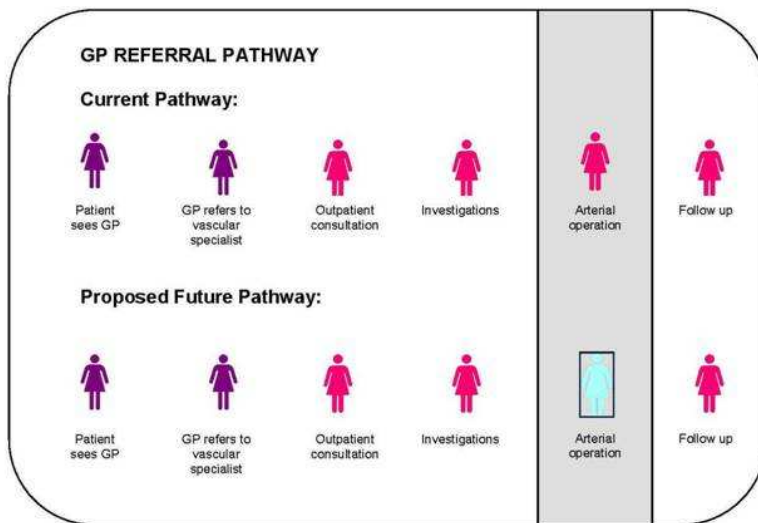


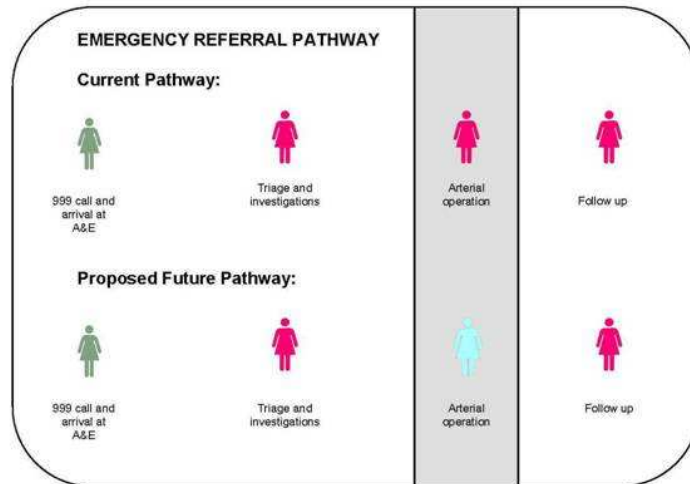
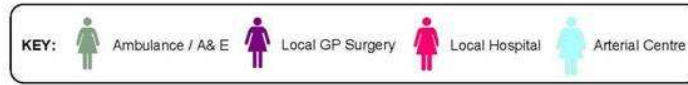
Proposed AAA Screening Sites in Cumbria



Further potential sites across the Network include:

- Blackpool North Shore
- Minerva Health Centre
- Preston Health Port
- Ecclestone Health Centre
- Rossendale
- Accrington Acorn
- Accrington PALS
- Bacup
- Yarnspinners Health Care Centre
- St Peter's Primary Health Care Centre
- Barbara Castle Way Health Centre





Changes in commissioning

- From April 2013 there will be national specialised commissioning of arterial interventions
- National service specification
- Creation of high volume Arterial Centres – there will be less than 50 in England
- It is no longer appropriate for vascular inpatient arterial procedures to be seen as a district general hospital provision





Proposed new model will:

- Create a network of vascular specialists
- Ensure, where appropriate, services are provided locally (outpatients, day cases, laboratory tests)
- Ensure specialist work is undertaken in nominated arterial centres with 24/7 facilities
- **3 centres only** recommended for our area



4 Tests of Reconfiguration

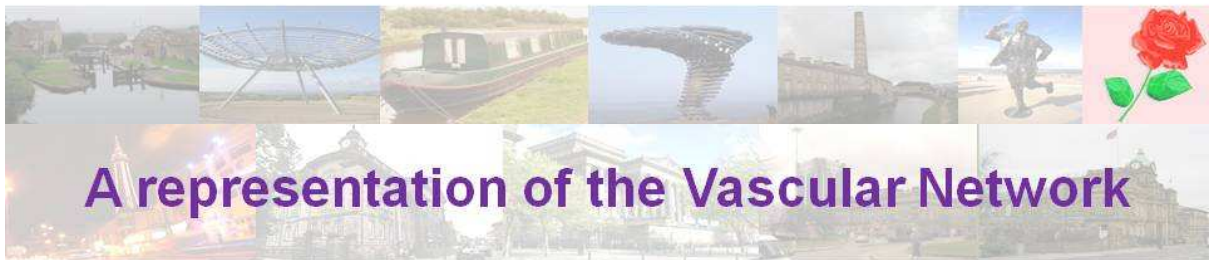
- Support from GP commissioners
- Clarity on the clinical evidence base
- Consistency with choice
- Strengthened public and patient engagement



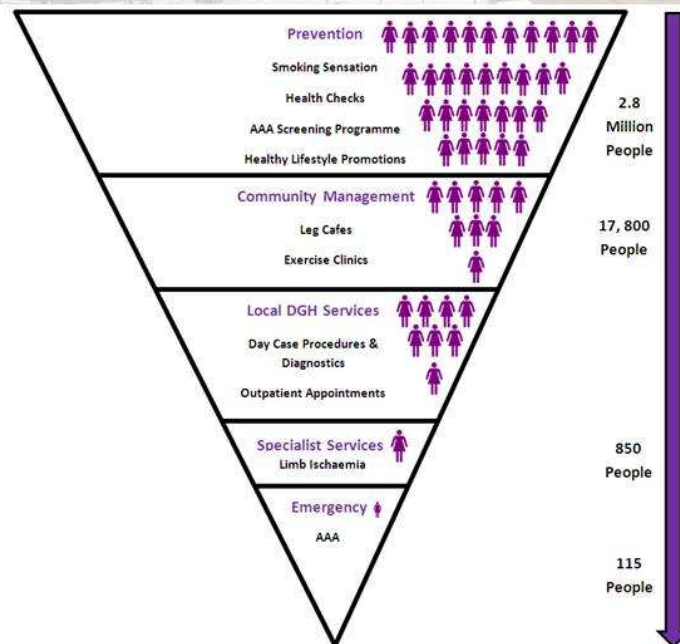


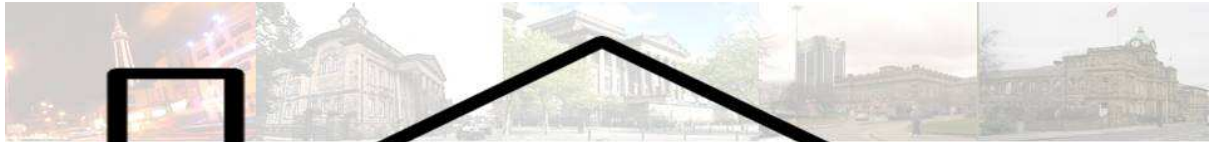
Where are we now?

- Appeal by UHMB against the procurement decision not upheld
- Cheshire and Mersey OSC referrals not upheld by Independent Reconfiguration Panel
- Time to work together to ensure pathways of care are there for all patients in Cumbria and Lancashire
- Seeking your support to implement the development of the Vascular Network without further delay



A representation of the Vascular Network





Vascular Services Review

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more people treated earlier,
quicker, safely and closer to
home



Thank you

