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Dear Colleague

NHS England Yorkshire and Humber region will today launch its three-month public consultation setting out proposals for the future of specialised vascular services in West Yorkshire.

Vascular services reconstruct, unblock or bypass arteries and are often one-off specialist procedures to reduce the risk of sudden death or amputation and prevent stroke.

As you will already be aware currently the specialised vascular services in West Yorkshire are delivered from three centres – Leeds General Infirmary, Bradford Royal Infirmary and Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. Based on a need to reduce the number of specialised vascular centres from three to two as identified by Yorkshire and The Humber Clinical Senate, the proposed recommendation being consulted on is that those centres should be at Leeds General Infirmary due to its status as a major trauma centre and Bradford Royal Infirmary due to its co-location with renal care. The proposals could result in all specialised vascular surgery that requires an overnight hospital stay being transferred from Huddersfield Royal Infirmary to Bradford Royal Infirmary, which would potentially affect up to 800 patients a year.

The majority of patients would continue to access vascular day-case surgery, diagnostics, outpatient appointments and rehabilitation services in local hospitals throughout West Yorkshire.

There are three main reasons for the recommended change to services set out as part of the consultation:

- Specialised vascular centres must be able to deliver a safe and sustainable service to comply with NHS England's national service specification.
- There are significant staffing pressures at both the Bradford and Huddersfield centres, and while teams are working very hard to maintain good patient outcomes and deliver the appropriate volume of activity for specialised vascular procedures, the service cannot continue in its current form.
- Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust and Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust currently run a shared out of hours on-call rota for emergency vascular services between the two sites, which is not supported as an acceptable or long-term solution by NHS England or Yorkshire and The Humber Clinical Senate.

Enclosed is the copy of the consultation document for your consideration and sharing with relevant colleagues within your organisation that may be interested in contributing to feedback on the proposals.

Further information about the consultation on the future of specialised vascular services in West Yorkshire and as well as access to an on-line survey can also be found at www.engage.england.nhs.uk or <https://www.england.nhs.uk/north-east-yorkshire/wyv/>.

If you would like to request printed copies of the consultation, please email england.WYVfeedback@nhs.net or telephone 0113 8251536.

Six events in the local community will also be taking place for members of the public and patients to attend. These will provide an opportunity for clinical leaders to explain the proposals and invite questions. Details of these events are set out below should you be interested.

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Kirklees/Huddersfield	3 October	2pm until 4pm	The John Smiths Stadium, Stadium Way, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG
	15 October	6pm until 8pm	The John Smiths Stadium, Stadium Way, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG
Calderdale/Halifax	8 October	6pm until 8pm	The Arches, East Mill, 328 Dean Clough, Halifax, HX3 5AX
	29 October	6pm until 8pm	The Crossley Gallery, East Mill, 328 Dean Clough, Halifax, HX3 5AX
Bradford	7 October	2pm until 4pm	Midland Hotel Forster Square, Cheapside, Bradford, BD1 4HU
	14 October	5pm until 7pm	Great Victoria Hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford, BD1 1JX

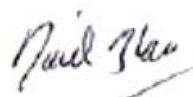
This consultation, which is being run by NHS England specialised commissioning working with the acute trusts through West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts will run up to 30 November 2019.

We hope that this information will be of interest, or you would like to arrange for a further discussion about the consultation, please do let us know by contacting the consultation team via 0113 8251536.

Your sincerely



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