

GP Bulletin – September 2019

Consultation on specialised vascular services in West Yorkshire

We invite you to participate in providing your views on proposals for the future of specialised vascular services in West Yorkshire. 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 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 our own 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. The majority of patients would continue to access vascular day-case surgery, diagnostics, outpatient appointments and rehabilitation services in local hospitals throughout West Yorkshire.

[Events in the local community](#) will also be taking place for members of the public and patients to attend in October. This consultation, which is being run by NHS England specialised commissioning working with the acute trusts through West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) will run up to the end of November.

Download a copy of the public consultation document here: <http://bit.ly/2l0GCaI>

Take part in the online consultation survey here: <http://bit.ly/2kxw0zX>

Introducing our new Non-Executive Directors

We're delighted to announce our new non-executive directors who have joined our Board. Julie Lawreniuk, a qualified accountant, has joined us as a non-executive director from the three Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) where she was Deputy Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer. Mohammed Hussain also joins the trust, who is a pharmacist by background and senior clinical lead for live services at NHS Digital, has had a career spanning national regulation, education, national healthcare technology and service redesign.

Julie was born and educated in Bradford and still lives in the city, and is a loyal supporter of Bradford City Football Club. Julie brings a wealth of NHS experience to her role on the Board, with a career that has spanned over 27 years working across a number of NHS organisations, including both providers and commissioners and covering a range of senior leadership roles. She has also worked in the private finance sector for 11 years before joining the NHS in 1992. Julie is also a board member at social housing provider, Incommunities.

Mohammed, in his role at NHS Digital, leads a team that ensures the organisation's services have the right clinical assurance and governance. He has been working in national clinical informatics roles since 2009 delivering services including the electronic prescription service, NHS Mail, summary care records. He is a founding fellow of the Faculty of Clinical Informatics. He is currently a member of the expert advisory board for the School of Pharmacy at Bradford University.

We're looking forward to having both on our Board as our trust continues to focus on providing high quality care for all.

BAME Engagement Event

Please save the date for our Black and Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) staff engagement event – “Is the NHS Race Equality Standard working?” It will be held on Tuesday, 8 October in our Sovereign Lecture theatre at BRI. The event will start at 10am, followed by a light lunch and is due to close at 4pm. The programme for the event is currently being finalised but the confirmed speakers so far are Dr Habib Naqvi, Policy Lead, NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard and Owen Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust. This promises to be an interesting and informative event, and if you would like to attend, please email facilities.administration@bthft.nhs.uk to confirm your booking by 2 October.

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