

# Case Study

## Specialised Commissioning, Yorkshire and the Humber - Model for Vascular Services

### Background

The aim of the vascular services project is to develop the best model of vascular services across Yorkshire and the Humber. We worked with commissioners in 2 stages looking at the service standards first before being asked to **“consider the direction of travel for the clinical configuration of services, advise on any clinical concerns and how these may be mitigated”**

### The Problem

Those Trusts who provide vascular surgery in Yorkshire and the Humber are struggling to meet the national standards. The main issues include the inability to:

- meet the minimum population size of 800,000
- meet the minimum procedure numbers per surgeon
- provide enough surgeons to run a sustainable on-call rota
- provide an adequate infrastructure for theatre

### Our Advice

In the first review we advised on a range of clinical concerns to be further considered as the options were developed. In the second stage the Senate agreed that the number of arterial centres within Yorkshire and the Humber needs to be reduced. We recommended that there needs to be a clear set of criteria for how decisions are made on the location of the arterial centres and we questioned some of the workforce and population assumptions.

#### i Within South Yorkshire

The Senate supported the change to one arterial centre and advised that this is clearly presented as a single arterial centre not a single service across 2

sites.

#### ii Within West Yorkshire.

The Senate supported the direction of travel of 2 arterial centres within this geography supported in a network arrangement with non-arterial centres.

#### iii Within Humber Coast and Vale

The Senate supported the decision to maintain 2 arterial centres on this geography.

### Our Impact

Commissioners state that the Senate review will shape the commissioning plan for vascular services to deliver sustainability through the reconfiguration of services across Yorkshire and Humber. The commissioning plan will be taken forward at STP level in Yorkshire and the Humber. The Senate's report sets out helpful clinical information which will be required to deliver these commissioning plans, which will be taken forward as part of local implementation.

### Testimonial

“The Senate's thorough review and clinical critique has ensured that key data included is the most up to date and robust to support any service changes. “

The Senate has been clear in their support of the need to reduce the number of arterial centres, clarity which both providers and commissioners will welcome in redesigning services in Yorkshire & the Humber. The Senate's review has been transparent, with the chair presenting findings at a regional event to ensure robust discussion and collaboration on the next steps.



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