

Senate e-Bulletin

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Welcome!

Welcome to the bulletin designed to provide you with news from the Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate. **The Senate provides free and fully independent clinical advice on service change proposals.** You will find on our [website](#) a range of information on the Senate, our published work and a selection of our case studies.

Update on Current and Recently Completed Reviews

Our present and forthcoming work includes:

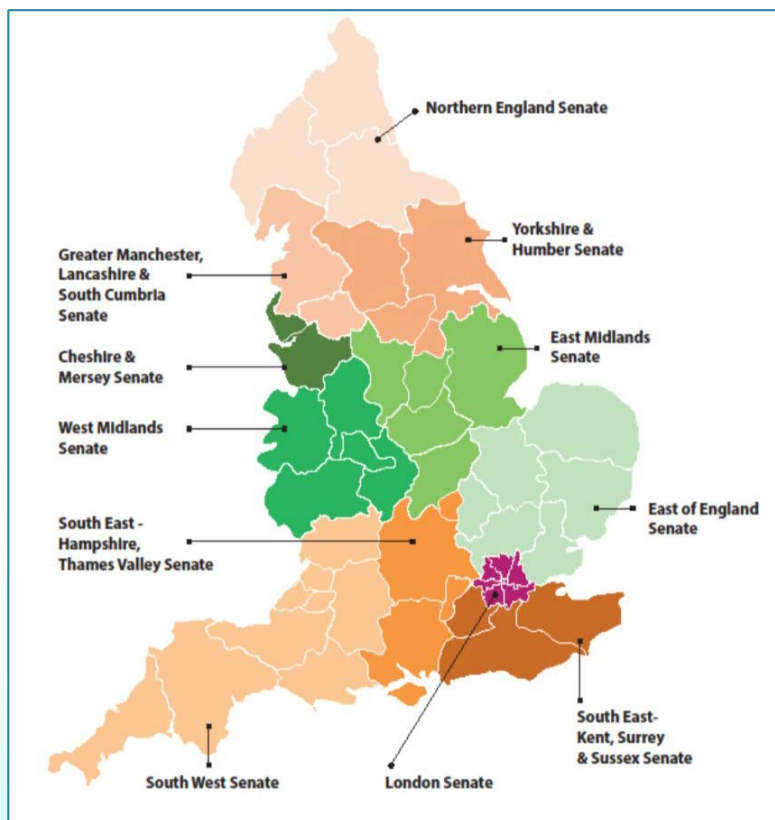
- **Humber acute services review.** The Humber Acute Services Review (HASR) will determine the long-term future of acute hospital services at the five hospitals in the Humber area (Scunthorpe General Hospital, Grimsby's Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, Hull Royal Infirmary, Castle Hill Hospital in Cottingham and Goole and District Hospital). The Senate was invited early in the development of the proposals to advise on the clinical models across the acute hospital provision. The advice will inform the development of the options from the 18 high-level options presented to a final range of options which may include a preferred final option. This work considering acute care, planned care and maternity and paediatrics has been completed and we are pleased that the report has now been published and is available on our [website](#).
- **Review of acute services at Scarborough Hospital.** The Scarborough Acute Services Review commenced in the summer of 2018 and is a collaborative review of acute hospital care for the people of Scarborough and the surrounding areas. The Senate was invited in to advise on the developing clinical models for the key specialty areas of urology, maternity and paediatrics but with reference to the proposed ED/acute medicine and general surgery services. We are pleased to report that this report has also been published and is available on our [website](#).
- **Pontefract midwifery led unit (MLU).** Since our last work with Wakefield CCG the Pontefract MLU has been temporarily closed due to staffing issues. The CCG are now working through the processes to go out to public consultation on the future for this unit and have asked the Senate if we will carry out a desktop review of their outline business case. We have brought together the original expert panel and expanded this to include additional clinicians. We are due to present our draft report to commissioners by 21st July.

Update on Forthcoming Reviews

- All our discussions on forthcoming work have been paused due to the Covid 19 response but we expect that these conversations will shortly resume as we start to reintroduce more business as usual into the health care system

The Clinical Senate Structure

As previously notified, there are now 11 Clinical Senates working across England, reduced from 12 Senates, due to a restructure in the South of England. Within the North East and Yorkshire region there are 2 Senates, the Northern England Senate and the Yorkshire and the Humber Senate.



Council Membership and Opportunities for Clinicians

We will be recruiting to Council positions later in the year as 4 of our Council members reach the end of their 5 year tenure over the coming months and we will be looking to replace them. The advert will be widely circulated.

The opportunity to join our Assembly always remains open and the recruitment details can be found on our [website](#).

Work with Us

Please [contact us](#) if you would like to discuss any potential work with the Senate or have any queries on the above. We are keen to hear from you to understand what clinical input you would want from the Senate and ideally how we may best work with you.

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