

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.** Previous issues of this bulletin can be found on our [website](#).

The Clinical Senate Structure

NHS England and NHS Improvement have come together as one organization. This has resulted in a change to the Senate management structure responsible for the Yorkshire and the Humber Senate and the Northern England Senate. These 2 Senates are now under the same management within the Northern England and Yorkshire Region. The Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate and the Northern England Clinical Senate continue to operate as 2 distinct Senates each with their own Senate Chair, Senate Council and Senate Assembly and both Senates continue to provide independent and impartial clinical advice on service changes.

There are now 11 Clinical Senates working across England, reduced from 12 Senates, due to a restructure in the South of England.

Update on Current and Recently Completed Reviews

Our present and forthcoming work includes:

- **Humber acute services review.** Our panel visited Scunthorpe Hospital on 20th January and we thank the Humber Coast and Vale Partnership for their hospitality. This work considering acute care, planned care and maternity and paediatrics across services in Hull and North Lincolnshire and Goole, has completed. We are finalising the report and agreeing its publication.
- **Review of acute services at Scarborough Hospital.** This report is complete and we are agreeing its date of publication with the Humber Coast and Vale Partnership.
- Our report on proposals from **Specialised Commissioning** for a Yorkshire and the Humber wide **thrombectomy** rota are now on our website and can be accessed [here](#).

Update on Forthcoming Reviews

- We remain in discussion with commissioners on working again with **Southport and Ormskirk**, and **East Cheshire**. Discussions are underway on working with Bradford CCG regarding proposals for **Shipley Hospital** and with Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield CCGs on **Calderdale and Huddersfield hospital services**

You will find on our [website](#) a range of information on the Senate, our published work and a selection of our case studies.

Smaller and Rural Hospitals

Many of our recent reviews have considered the challenges of sustaining services in smaller and more rural hospitals. These issues are also being considered nationally and you may find of interest the [Nuffield report](#) “Rethinking Acute Medical Care in Smaller Hospitals” and the latest issue of the [Future Healthcare Journal](#) which includes several articles on smaller and rural hospitals.

Council Membership and Opportunities for Clinicians

Two of our Council members have recently unfortunately stood down due to ill health. We are however delighted to welcome Karen Perring, Lead Nurse, Yorkshire & Humber Paediatric Critical Care Operational Delivery Network and Stephen Bush, Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Clinical Director, Emergency and Specialty Medicine, Leeds Teaching Hospitals, and Dr Christopher Scott, Consultant in Anaesthesia & Critical Care Medicine, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT to the Council.

We will be recruiting to Council positions shortly as 4 of our Council members reach the end of their 5 year tenure over the next few months and we will be looking to replace them.

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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