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Kent and Medway Vascular Services Review

1.0 Introduction

This is a briefing paper for the committee to update on the position since the JHOSC meeting in April 2016.

At the April committee the JHOSC supported the review proceeding to consultation on a network model with a single in patient centre in Kent and Medway, the site of this to be determined through the procurement process.

2.0 Procurement update:

The process has tested the market through a Prior Information Notice (PIN) and received interest from the three current providers. Subsequent work has determined that there is one suitable proposal and that is collaboration between East Kent Hospitals Foundation Trust and Medway Foundation Trust.

They have proposed an Integrated Vascular Network. The network solution will be developed on a model with a single arterial centre and a more diverse multi-site model for non-arterial centres..

The model reflects national best practice and a framework that can deliver both the National specification and a sustainable vascular service within Kent and Medway going forward.

Due diligence process will test the model and the ability of the collaboration to deliver the model of care for all Kent ad Medway residents. This will build on the key procurement requirements, the quality assurance standards of the Vascular Service national specification and the feedback of the public/patient and stakeholder feedback.

3.0 Development of the model.

EKHUFT and MFT are working together to identify the delivery model, clearly illustrating the pathways for patients across the network and the key interdependencies.

This includes clear transfer protocols, pathways that maximise the opportunities for local care, new ways of working across a network.

The Quality/Equality Impact Assessment will be used to inform the development of the model and mitigation put in place to address the negative impact areas. These relate to increased travel times and journeys for some communities in K&M.

A joint clinical lead and network manager will drive the collaboration forward. This model will take into account the concerns raised by the public and patients re travel times, local access to the service and communication with patients and their families.

The model will be developed to reflect the key recommendations of the Clinical Senate report and in particular the critical clinical co-dependencies. The site of the in patient unit requires consideration within the context of the wider Kent and Medway STP.

4.0 Engagement update:

A series of engagement events is being planned through September and October where the collaborative model will be described and reviewed with key stakeholders. This includes vascular patients and their families and will be held across Kent and Medway.

This will build on the previous listening and deliberative events and those previously engaged will be a key part of this engagement work. The review has also identified a number of expert patients who will be actively involved in the due diligence process.

The review team has discussed progress on the Vascular change programme as part of the Strategic Change Stage 1 and 2 Assurance meeting with NHS England. The programme was not assured for Stage 2 on the basis that capital and other developmental costs had not been identified, and that the group did not feel that change of this nature merited specific formal public consultation. In particular the impact of the Kent and Medway STP on critical co-dependencies needs to be fully understood in order to identify long term site options.

The wider STP public consultation is therefore a key consideration for the vascular Review and the NHS England assurance process recommendation is that consultation on the vascular service needs to be part of the wider STP public consultation. This will ensure that the public are fully sighted and informed of all of the potential changes and their interdependencies.

The September engagement events will provide a focus for pre-consultation engagement for the vascular community.

5.0 Next Steps:

The K&M collaborative network model is being developed and will be tested through the formal procurement due diligence process.

The engagement events will inform both the model and the due diligence process.

The Vascular Review will align to the process of the Kent and Medway STP over the coming months as this detail emerges.