

Humber Acute Services Review – Update

14 June 2018

The Humber Acute Services Review Steering Group met last week to discuss progress of the review to date and agree what should happen next.

It was agreed that the review will now begin considering the future shape of services within what is referred to as Wave 2 in the programme plan. These services include:

- Urgent and Emergency Care services (care when you need it unexpectedly), which will include:
 - Accident and Emergency,
 - Acute Medicine,
 - Elderly Medicine,
 - Respiratory Medicine,
 - Acute (unplanned) surgery,
 - Critical Care.
- Maternity and paediatrics (services for pregnant women, mother-and-baby and children);
- Cardiac (care for people with heart problems);
- Immunology (care for people who have problems with their immune system);
- Neurology (care for people with disorders or diseases affecting the brain).

A Clinical Design Group will meet at the end of June to begin designing potential scenarios for core services (including urgent and emergency care), which will then lead to a series of service-specific discussions to consider the impact of each potential scenario on their particular service area. These discussions will consider what the potential might be for improving local services by working together more closely across the region. This may include suggestions such as making the best use of our medical workforce through shared on-call rotas, agreeing common approaches to assessment and treatment of particular conditions across all organisations, utilising digital technology to provide treatment and advice in new ways and potential changes to how and where particular services are provided.

The Clinical Design Group will include representatives from hospital clinicians as well as GPs, commissioners and community representatives. This is the beginning of a complex process, which will include a number of opportunities to test out potential scenarios with patients, the public and other stakeholders before proposals are brought forward for wider consideration.



The Steering Group also discussed an update on the joint working of the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) who are partners in the Review through the Humber Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC). Commissioners are working together to ensure they are able to provide a single commissioning perspective on acute services in the Humber region and reducing variation in provision. The joint work will also help to ensure that, in all four local areas, health and care organisations are working together to develop comprehensive out-of-hospital services that can provide care at or close to home for more people so they don't need to go to hospital as at present.

Over the coming weeks, we are continuing to ask people for their views and ideas about the challenges that local health and care organisations are facing and how we can address them through this review and our other joint working. If you would like to read more about the challenges, please read the [Issues Paper](#) and **provide your feedback and ideas** by [filling out an online survey](#).

