

Scarborough Acute Services Review

Briefing paper

What is the Scarborough Acute Services review?

In line with the overall vision of the Humber Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership, York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust sets out a clear ambition to have high quality, safe and sustainable hospital services across the whole of its geographical patch.

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Scarborough and Ryedale CCG and East Riding CCG, working under the auspices of the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership, have agreed to undertake an independent review of the configuration of Scarborough acute services.

A key feature of the review will be the need for widespread clinical team engagement and ownership (with the emphasis on listening, interaction and collaborative working and problem solving) with a clear communications and engagement plan that will be developed, implemented and worked through at every stage.

Why do we need a review?

The geography and demography of the east coast, alongside a range of recruitment challenges, have meant that the provision of acute services has become increasingly difficult over a number of years. At the same time, new technologies and ways of working have enabled more services to be provided outside of hospitals, in GP practices and community-settings.

The review will look at how we can do things differently to get the best possible hospital services for people in the Scarborough area.

Through the review we will seek to understand the clinical, operational and financial drivers that support a case for change, moving from tactical, piecemeal improvements or service developments towards a clinically and financially sustainable model fit for the future.



The process will involve a detailed appraisal of existing services, prioritisation of key sustainability issues, evidence-based evaluation of options and recommendations for future service delivery.

What services are being looked at?

The main purpose of this review is to consider the most appropriate configuration of Scarborough's acute services to ensure that they are adequately supported by other specialties and that they are fit for purpose, sustainable, accessible and deliver the highest possible quality of care.

We recognise that Scarborough Hospital and services on the East Coast have been the subject of a number of past reviews, including reviews undertaken by external bodies. Building on this work, we are clear that we remain committed to sustaining effective urgent and emergency care services in Scarborough. This review will focus on how we can ensure that services are configured to support this.

Who is doing the review?

The partners have agreed together to fully engage in an independent review of the configuration of Scarborough acute services.

Whilst involving the above organisations, the review will be commissioned via York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

A partner is being sought, through a tendering process, to carry out the review on our behalf.

The review will be managed under auspices of the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership (STP), reporting into the Humber, Coast and Vale Partnership Board in addition to the decision-making bodies of all the partner organisations that are involved.

The review will be overseen by a steering group which includes representation from the following partner organisations:

- York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- NHS Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- NHS East Riding Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership

When is this happening?

The procurement process is underway, with the aim of the successful bidder beginning the review in August and reporting back in November.

How can people get involved in the review?

We are committed to providing opportunities for staff, patients and the public to put forward their views and ideas on the future of hospital services in their area.

We are at the very start of this process, and opportunities to have conversations with local people will be set up over the coming months and will be publicised on our website and through other local channels.

A key feature of the review will be the need for widespread clinical team engagement, and staff input and ownership will be a vital part of the review.