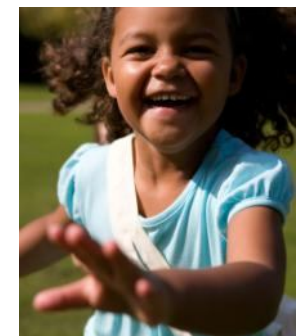


Specialised Services – Progress to date



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Service specifications - progress to date

- Specifications created by Clinical Reference Groups
- Providers have self-assessed themselves against these specifications
- NHS England has reviewed the self-assessment exercise, striving for national consistency
- 80% of services already fully compliant
- Provider-led and commissioner-led derogation plans in place for the remainder of the services
- National communication due February 2014 detailing the full results of the compliance exercise

Why do we need to change how we provide vascular services in Southern Hampshire?

NHS England and local CCGs want to:

- Deliver the best possible care for our patients
- Provide patients with access to specialist doctors at all times
- Make sure local services meet core national clinical standards

In October 2013 National Service Specifications identified that all Trusts which provide a vascular service must belong to a vascular network that:

- Covers a population of at least 800,000
- Has at least 1 in 6 rota of vascular surgeons
- Invests in specialist interventional radiology to carry more key-hole than open surgery
- Delivers the advances in screening for aortic aneurysm

The Way Forward

- A range of options have been considered over a number of years.
- Our preferred option is to establish a Southern Hampshire Vascular Network across Southampton and Portsmouth.
- This provides the best chance for long term sustainable vascular services for local people.
- This would meet all of the service specification requirements and therefore providing the best option for improving outcomes for local people.

Next Steps

- Southampton and Portsmouth have recently opened a new dialogue around creating a sustainable vascular network.
- NHS England would like to consult on a new model based on a phased approach
- Emergency work (as agreed by both Trusts) would move to Southampton with a joint clinical network being created across both organisations
- This would leave the existing high-volume vascular work at Portsmouth and give the network time to establish itself
- Review outcomes in approximately 18 months time and consider future direction of travel