

Humber Acute Services Review – Update

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

Since the last review update, further work has been undertaken to refine the programme plan and next steps for the review process.

On 27th June the Clinical Design Group met for the first time. The role of the group is to provide clinical oversight and assurance to the Humber Acute Services Review Steering Group. The group will also provide links into existing Operational Delivery Networks (ODNs) across the partnership area and ensure any proposals put forward through the review are clinically sound.

The Clinical Design Group includes 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 Clinical Design Group supported the implementation of a clinical design approach on a speciality-by-specialty basis, which will begin in mid-August. This will involve bringing together doctors, nurses and other clinical colleagues with commissioners and other key stakeholders to generate ideas about the best possible ways to deliver services for their particular service area. This clinical design work will take place through established clinical networks where these already exist. There are established clinical networks in the Humber area for the following service areas:

- Critical Care
- Trauma
- Cardiology
- Maternity
- Specialist Rehabilitation

Where these established networks do not exist, the Clinical Design Group agreed to support the development of new networks across the Humber area to support the development of services in those service areas. These service areas will include:

- ENT
- Urology
- Neurology



- Oncology and Haematology
- Stroke
- Radiology
- Immunology
- Planned Surgery

The Clinical Design Group will meet on a regular basis throughout the review to provide this oversight and assurance. The next meeting will take place on 29th August.

At its most recent meeting, the Humber Acute Services Review Steering Group also discussed some initial financial modelling work that has been undertaken to support the development of a framework that can be used to assess the viability of potential future scenarios that emerge through the clinical design work. The Steering Group noted the need to understand all the competing factors that have to be balanced in order to find the best possible service delivery scenarios for each specialty.

The role of the review will be to bring together best possible approach from the perspective of clinical viability; from the perspective of the people using services and their families and carers; given the constraints of the available workforce and making the best use of available finance, equipment and estates.

In order to support the review in its understanding of what is most important from the perspective of patients, their families and wider public, we are continuing to ask for 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](#). The survey will close on **26th August**.

