

Humber Acute Services Review

Programme Update (March 2020)

We wanted to take an opportunity to update you on the progress we are making with the Humber Acute Services Review (HASR).

In the light of the current COVID-19 situation, the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership has reviewed its priorities and work programmes to ensure that all available resources are being directed to the areas where they can make the most difference support of the response to COVID-19. This will mean that certain aspects of the Acute Services Review may be paused or slowed down over the coming months so that resources can be focused on the frontline. This document provides an update on the work up to and including March 2020. Future programme updates will be issued later in the year.

What is the Humber Acute Services Review?

The Humber Acute Services Review is a collaborative review of acute hospital services across the five main hospital sites in the Humber area – (*Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby; Scunthorpe General Hospital; Goole and District Hospital; Hull Royal Infirmary; and Castle Hill Hospital*). The review will look at how we can provide the best possible hospital services for the people living in the area, whilst making best use of the money, staff and buildings that are available to us.

Why do we need a Review?

There are four broad reasons why NHS services in the Humber area need to change the way they work:

1. **Quality of care:** Patients are not always being seen or treated quickly enough, and more patients die than would be expected.
2. **Workforce:** We do not have, and cannot attract, the staff we need to do everything everywhere
3. **Finance:** Demand and costs of care are constantly increasing; however, budgets have remained the same, resulting in hospital trusts falling into significant financial deficits.
4. **Healthcare is changing:** Up to 25% of patients currently, attending hospital could be cared for out of hospital or even at home.

During the latter part of 2019, we published our [Case for Change](#), which brings together a wealth of data from the two Hospital Trusts and evidence from a range of independent sources to explain why hospital services across the Humber region need to change.

What are we up to?

This briefing document (link below) sets out a timeline of work that was undertaken from September 2019 to March 2020. In particular, it describes how we have gone from a (very) long list of theoretically possible ways of delivering services to a shorter list of possible approaches (clinical models) to address the challenges described in the Case for Change.

https://humbercoastandvale.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Citizens-Panel-briefing_the-story-so-far_FINAL-VERSION-2.pdf

Fragile Services

Alongside the long term review work, we know some services cannot wait for a long-term strategic review to solve the challenges that they face today. Some services have already had to make changes to the way in which they operate because it was unsafe to keep them running as they were. These services include Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) and Urology in Northern Lincolnshire and, more recently, Oncology services across the whole of Humber, Coast and Vale.

Work has begun across the Humber to clearly identify any other fragile services to develop contingency plans, should they become unsafe or need to change temporarily. An update on this work will be provided in due course.

How to keep informed:

For more information on the Humber Acute Services Review, please visit the [Humber, Coast and Vale's website](#). If you have any questions, please contact the review team by:

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