

ADULT ELECTIVE ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES: ACHIEVING THE BEST VALUE FOR PATIENTS

BULLETIN 3 – April 2018

Welcome to this third bulletin on the adult elective orthopaedics services review in North Central London. This aims to keep you briefed on progress on this review which started in February 2018.

We have circulated this to clinical, management and communication leads across NHS organisations across the patch and also to the local Healthwatch organisations.

Please could you send this on to anyone in your organisation who you think might be interested. If you want to be removed or added to the circulation list please notify the project team at nclstp.orthopaedics@nhs.net

We plan to send out regular updates over the next year as the review progresses.

KEY POINTS

- We have now launched a review of adult elective orthopaedic services across North Central London (NCL)
- The review is clinically led and is part of the North Central London Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (NCL STP)
- We have established a Review Group which has now met twice
- Our local Healthwatch organisations have recruited two patient and public representatives to sit as full members on the Review Group and to advise us on wider engagement
- The Review Group has considered a draft initial *Case for Change* and draft evaluation *criteria* for the review of options. These will now be revised following comments and will be circulated for wider input from June 2018.
- Anna Stewart will take up post as Programme Director for the review from 25 April 2018

BACKGROUND

Our ambition is to create a comprehensive adult elective orthopaedic service for North Central London (NCL), which will be seen as a centre for excellence with an international reputation for outstanding patient experience and outcomes, and for education and research.

We currently deliver adult elective orthopaedic services for NHS patients from 12 different sites within NCL alone. While many of these services are of good quality, we know that there is unwarranted variation in the quality of care we are currently able to offer. We also know from our initial review of evidence that there is a case for

consolidation of these services onto fewer sites in order to ensure that we are able to achieve excellent care and best value for local people.

The Adult Elective Orthopaedics Services Review which will be undertaken from February 2018 – March 2019 will review whether there are steps which could be taken to:

- improve outcomes for patients
- improve quality of services by reducing unwarranted variation
- improve value for money

Our review, which will be undertaken over the next few months, will consider these opportunities and thoroughly assess the options for change.

For further information on the background to the review, please visit our webpage <http://www.northlondonpartners.org.uk/about/review-of-adult-elective-orthopaedic-services.htm>

THE REVIEW GROUP

We have now put in place the Review Group which will lead the review work over the next year. It met for the second time on 4 April 2018 and will meet monthly from May 2018 onwards.

The Review Group has clinical representation from all the main sites providing adult elective orthopaedic services across NCL and from the CCGs, plus representation from specialist commissioning and NHS England.

The local Healthwatch organisations have now recruited two patient and public representatives as full members of the group to support the review and to advise us on wider engagement:

- Rosemary Arnold
- Helen Andrews

If you would like to contact Rosemary or Helen please email us at nclstp.orthopaedics@nhs.net

If you want to find out more about the review or feed in your views, we would encourage you to contact any of the members of the Review Group.

For details of the full membership of the Review Group please see Bulletin 2 on our [webpage](#)

PROGRESS TO DATE

The Review Group has reviewed an initial draft of the *Case for Change*. This will set out our ambition for developing our services to be a centre for excellence, together with a summary of existing data on variations in quality of care and evidence in relation to the potential benefits of changes to configuration of services. We aim to publish this for further engagement with staff and local people in June 2018.

The Review Group has also discussed the draft *evaluation criteria* which will be used to develop and evaluate a short-list of options (including the status quo) to help us understand the relative advantages and disadvantages of different ways of configuring services. These will also be published to share widely as they are developed to ensure we have as wide as possible input from staff, patients and the public.

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Anna Stewart has been appointed as the Programme Director for the review. She takes up post on 25 April 2018. Anna currently works for North East London Commissioning Support Unit.

Anna is keen to meet as many people with an interest in the review as she can during her induction period. If you would like to meet Anna, please contact nclstp.orthopaedics@nhs.net

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you have any questions or want to find out more about the review, please see [webpage](#) or email the Review Team at nclstp.orthopaedics@nhs.net