

ADULT ELECTIVE ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES ACHIEVING THE BEST VALUE FOR PATIENTS

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Welcome to this fifth bulletin on the adult elective orthopaedics services review in north central London. This aims to keep you briefed on progress on the review, which started in February 2018.

Please share this bulletin with 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 commenced the engagement phase of our programme by publishing our draft case for change on the NCL website
- The draft case for change shares our thinking about how adult elective orthopaedic surgery could be delivered in north central London in the future
- We are now asking anyone with an interest in these services to help us develop our thinking, and any resulting proposals.
- A comprehensive engagement exercise is now underway with patients, the public, clinicians, providers and clinical commissioners

BACKGROUND

- Our ambition is to create a comprehensive adult elective orthopaedic service for North Central London (NCL), which could 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 10 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.

SEEKING FEEDBACK

We are now in the process of seeking feedback from our stakeholders. This includes patients and local residents, healthcare providers and clinical commissioners.

Having read the draft case for change, feedback can be given by completing our online questionnaires (three different questionnaires have been created; one for each main stakeholder group). We are also inviting people to give feedback via email, in writing (by sending a letter), by attendance at an event or via their local Healthwatch organisation.

Details of all the engagement events will be posted on the orthopaedics page of the NCL website (please follow the link below).

A provisional deadline of 19 October 2018 has been set for feedback, however this date could be extended to seek further responses if necessary.

ENGAGEMENT

Planning for engagement is underway supported by CCG, provider and local authority communications teams.

The programme is promoting the opportunity to participate via the newsletters, e-news, websites and other routine communications of these groups and organisations, as well as using social media.

A series of events are being co-hosted by local Healthwatch groups, which will be open to their membership and a wider audience. In addition, voluntary sector groups are being approached to participate, with a specific focus on those groups identified as being most impacted by any future changes.

We are also speaking to a range of healthcare providers, NHS and local government partners, politicians and other relevant interested parties, either directly or via the five local CCGs.

The draft case for change, online questionnaires and event details are available on our website: www.northlondonpartners.org.uk/orthopaedicreview