



# Yorkshire & the Humber Stroke Clinical Expert Group

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Time:** 16:00

# Agenda:

1. Intros & Apologies
2. Purpose of the meeting
3. SCN Update
4. National Update
  - a. National Clinical Guidelines
  - b. Medical Workforce
  - c. Medical Care
5. Yorkshire & Humber Update
  - a. Blueprint for Y&H
  - b. Contingency Plans & Repatriation
  - c. Governance Framework
  - d. Workforce
6. Sub-regional Updates
  - a. West Yorkshire
  - b. Humber & North Yorkshire
  - c. South Yorkshire
7. SQUINS
8. Early Supported Discharge
9. Atrial Fibrillation
10. Intra Arterial Interventions
11. Thrombolysis Rota
12. AOB

# 1. Attendance & Apologies

## Attendance

- John Bamford
- Chris Patterson
- Pratap Rana
- Amanda Jones
- Judith Bird (SCN)
- Helen Atkinson (SCN)

## Apologies:

- Mike Carpenter
- Sean Brotheridge
- Ashraf Ahmed
- Mahmud A. Sajid

## 2. Purpose of the meeting

- National & Local Updates
- Information Sharing
- Agreement of Y&H Approaches
- Any other comments....?

The purpose of the meeting is to keep everyone up to date with issues, changes and to discuss any changes

# 3. SCN Update

- Network consultation is ongoing due to cuts to programme budgets (scale not yet known)
- Recruitment restrictions remain
- Realigned staff based on Y&H SMT advice
- SCN exploring potential for securing programme support for HASS
- Other work will be paused until resource can be secured
- Julia Jessop and John Bamford are first point of contact in the interim

# 4. National Update

- National Clinical Guidelines – 5<sup>th</sup> Edition
  - Concern about funding being reduced for guideline group.
  - Draft available - expected publish date Sept 2016
  - Probably in electronic format only – not done in book format due to cost
- Medical Workforce
  - HEE statement – stroke training posts vulnerable to cuts if not filled
  - If trainees are interested then we need to bring them on
- Medical Care
  - On line document to replace Consultant Physicians Working for Patients – drafted by BASP
  - Directed towards Medical Directors trying to create new consultant posts
- SSNAP Reports:
  - “Annual Report – Is Stroke Care Improving?”
  - “Post-Acute Organisational Audit”

<https://www.strokeaudit.org/>

# 5. Regional Update

## - Blueprint for Y&H

- The CCG CAOs asked the SCN to co-ordinate a region-wide overview of the potential implications of any service reconfigurations that may be proposed (e.g. by the Working Together programme in the South or the Calderdale & Huddersfield Trust in the West). However, there has not been a great deal of progress because :
  - The initial draft options appraisal paper from WT has been delayed
  - A document which was submitted for comment by C&H to the Y&H Senate is not publically available yet

# 5. Regional Update

## - Contingency Plans & Repatriation Policy

- The draft policies were developed and circulated for comment.
- Final versions have now been circulated.
- The intention is to take the documents to the various provider CEO, hopefully for agreement and sign off !

# 5. Regional Update

## - Governance Framework

Proposed Governance Framework for the provision of hyperacute care including thrombolysis care by clinicians who are not core members of the stroke MDT (agreed in South Yorkshire in 2011)

– Circulated for agreement across Y&H.

– Added to the website:

<http://www.yhscn.nhs.uk/cardiovascular/Stroke/stroke-documents-and-links.php>

Comment: 13/1/16 – For anyone thinking of extending a thrombolysis rota – this was for information

# 5. Regional Update

## - Workforce

The Current State Assessment undertaken in West Yorkshire identified the nursing workforce as a key area for further development. It was agreed that this work should be led by the Strategic Clinical Network and cover the whole of Yorkshire & the Humber. A Nurse Workforce Forum was convened following the regional meeting on 24 April 2015. Meetings held in June and August. Next meeting 14.01.16. Representation sought from all sites.

- Development of:
  - Band 6 Competencies & Handbook
  - Band 5 Competencies & Handbook
- Consideration of development of competencies for Community- Based Stroke Nurses
- Baseline of competency training
- Involvement of Health Education Y&H
  
- 13/1/16 – no further comment

# 6. Sub-regional Updates

## West Yorkshire - Update

Healthy Futures report - Within West Yorkshire there are a number of services outwith the suggested minimum requirements and the quality of services as demonstrated by the SSNAP outcome indicators is variable with many below the national average suggesting a poorer quality of service. Workforce also highlighted as an ongoing challenge.

### **Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September:**

The providers and commissioners were invited to consider whether to:

- (1) Do Nothing
- (2) Invest in all hyper acute services to improve outcomes to at least the national average or
- (3) Develop further alliances and reduce the number of Hyper Acute services.

The actions and updates are included on the next slide.

| Ref# | Next Steps  | Owner        | Due       | Action   | Update  |
|------|---|--------------|-----------|--|---|
| 1    | <b>Improving Outcomes:</b> A watching brief will be maintained on SSNAP quality outcomes to review whether the existing resilience plans are effective. A further meeting will be scheduled for 6 months to review.   | SCN          | April 16  | Set up a follow on meeting in 6 months time (aligned to release of Oct-Dec 2015 SSNAP data) to review performance; progress on resilience plans and next steps | Meeting scheduled for 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016   |
| 2    | <b>Review of Resilience Plans:</b> CCG and Providers to conduct a review of local resilience plans.   | CCGs         | By Dec 16 | CCG to ensure a review of action plans as part of annual peer review process   | Progress not known. Could be included as part of the response to CCGs following SQUINs process.   |
| 3    | <b>Workforce: SCN to facilitate exploration of;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a regional stroke workforce</li> <li>• Nurse competencies/ HR standardisation / opportunities for escalation of skill development &amp; training – e.g. placement</li> <li>• Sharing Best Practice models</li> <li>• Medical Workforce Planning and training opportunities</li> <li>• Mimics: Educational tools for primary care &amp; A&amp;E</li> <li>• Stroke Rehabilitation / ESD and developing links with social care</li> <li>• Intra-arterial Interventions (clot retrieval)</li> </ul> | JC/AB/<br>RC | By Dec 16 | Jon Cooper, Alistair Bailey & SCN team   | Workforce covered separately as part of the Workforce Forum.<br><br>Sharing Best Practice: Event scoped. Agreed not to take forward at this stage. This has been communicated to stakeholders. Details included in here: !CVD\4. Stroke\Y&H Review - HASU\! Meetings\2016 TBC WY Best Practice Event<br><br>ESD & IAT covered separately. |
| 4    | <b>Modelling Cross Boundary Implications;</b> SCN to support modelling and discussions with Mid Yorkshire, Calderdale and Barnsley  | JJ           | By Dec 16 | Liaise with Working Together Programme and establish meetings.   | Included as part of Stroke Blueprint.<br><br>Conversations with Mid Yorks, Calderdale & Harrogate were agreed actions during last conversation with Phil Corrigan (15.12.15)  |
| 5    | <b>Programme Next Steps</b><br>Stroke will be moved under the umbrella of Urgent & Emergency<br>Follow on meeting in 6 months to review progress - 18 March 2016, 1430-1630.  | PC/JJ        | By Oct 16 | Establish a meeting to align programmes<br>All to note   |   |

# 6. Sub-regional Updates

## West Yorkshire - Meetings

### Healthy Futures Stroke Meeting

Follow-up to the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September which aimed to explore the provision of stroke care across West Yorkshire to ensure a shared understanding of the challenges that are facing the system and what is being done to address resilience.

*Date:* 18<sup>th</sup> March 1430-1630

*Attendees:* WY Stroke Providers & Commissioners

*Venue:* Horizon, Leeds

Contact [Stephaniebeal@nhs.net](mailto:Stephaniebeal@nhs.net) to book a place.

13/1/16 – no further updates

# 6. Sub-regional Updates

## Humber and North Yorkshire

- The York and Scarborough reconfiguration is attracting interest because they are the first UK service to the 'drip and ship' model with patients being thrombolysed by telemedicine in Scarborough and then being transferred to the York HASU
- This has been working reasonably well
- The experience may become of relevance to IAT discussions

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## Humber & North Yorkshire - Meetings

### Stroke Event

This is a follow up to the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> October which was an opportunity to bring services together to review progress and next steps, with a particular focus on quality.

*Date:* 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016, 1000-1200

*Attendees:* Stroke Clinicians, managers and commissioners.

*Venue:* Health House, Willerby.

Contact [Stephaniebeal@nhs.net](mailto:Stephaniebeal@nhs.net) to book a place.

# 6. Sub-regional Updates

## South Yorkshire

- Problems with performance as judged by SSNAP data
- SY has a greater number of smaller units below the 600 stroke / year recommended minimum threshold
- Commissioners, through the Working Together programme, are now in Phase II of their project to reconfigure HASU services across the sub-region

# 6. Sub-regional Updates

## South Yorkshire -Meetings

### Working Together Stroke Stakeholder Event

An opportunity to receive an update on developments in South Yorkshire

*Date:* 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 1500-1700

*Attendees:* Stroke Clinicians, managers and commissioners.

*Venue:* NHS Sheffield CCG, 722 Prince of Wales Rd, Sheffield.

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# 7. SQuINS

- Thank you!!
- There were much more comprehensive submissions this year
- Users found the process easier
- Reports are being prepared and will be circulated to CCGs when complete
- There is no guarantee that the SQuINS process next year will be supported by the SCN due to cuts although everyone on the call recognised the value of the process
- JB is lobbying to keep this going and would like to stick to the timelines to fit in with the business planning cycle

# 8. Early Supported Discharge

- Despite limited staff resource the SCN will ensure that ESD is included in the Yorkshire and Humber Blueprint and HASS transformation work
- There are encouraging noises from at least three CCGs who have indicated a desire to commission stroke ESD services

# 9. Intra Arterial Interventions

- North of England Oversight Group will review plans for IAT in the North of England
- Standards for centres that will provide a thrombectomy service have been published – there is nothing controversial
- Nothing further heard from Tony Rudd about Y&H being a pilot region – but he is at a meeting with John Bamford next week
- Specialised Commissioning is sighted on the issue. John B and Graham V have produced a background paper
- David Black has sent a letter to all providers stating that NHS England will not reimburse the costs of thrombectomy at this stage.

# 9. Intra Arterial Interventions

- ACTION: JB will draft a minimum requirement for a stroke specification including:
  - Good door to needle times
  - Think through 'Drip and ship'
  - Clear advice from YAS on grade of staff required for transfer
  - Hub and Spoke thrombectomy service – suggest that patients remain in the Hub only 4-6 hours
  - Requirement for repatriation document to be signed off
  - Need to have bed available in HASU
  - Local HASU's would need an extra bed
  - Interventional Vascular Radiologists could join once the service is set up
  - Await NICE adjudication
  - Monitoring of service

# 10. Thrombolysis Rota

Request: that the West of West Yorkshire telemedicine rota considers moving away from each Trust doing a week at a time and to share the days out according to the number of consultants

To discuss

- Issue of inter-hospital payments for unequal rotas
- 2 components :
  - a) The commissioned responsibility of each provider to provide a local 24/7 service (i.e. not volume dependent)
  - b) The work intensity during an on-call period (which will relate to the volume of each service)
- An alternative suggestion - to expand the network which might be necessary to roll out IAT
- Currently
  - Bradford averages 5.5 per month over the last 2 years (similar for C&H)
  - HDFT have 2 or 3 per month (average 2.6)

13/1/16 There was discussion about making the rota fairer to Harrogate who have less activity. Shared weekly rota can be agreed similar to Sheffield rota. Advice was given to make the rota change as the Hub and Spoke outcome may be some time . Consultants in Airedale could become part of the rota in future

# 11. Any Other Business

- Any other business
- Q: Should the call for patients transferred to Leeds for malignant MCA syndrome go through to the Stroke of Neuro-surgical Team?
- A: Neuro-surgical Team
- There is a Neuro-surgical Referral Document in production which will be circulated on completion
- Forthcoming Meetings:  
Stroke Education Event – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016, St James's Leeds  
<http://www.yhscn.nhs.uk/cardiovascular/Stroke/Stroke-Meetings.php>
- Date of the next CEG meeting – to be decided

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