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Dear Matthew,

RE: West Yorkshire Vascular Services Review

Thank you for engaging us in respect of the proposed changes within West Yorkshire vascular services and the potential impact of these on YAS resource. I understand that at the moment, the emergency vascular services in operation are situated at Leeds General Infirmary, Bradford Royal Infirmary and Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. Although no formal decision has been made, it has been proposed that either Bradford Royal Infirmary or Huddersfield Royal Infirmary would no longer operate an emergency service, meaning that YAS would be required to convey patients to an alternative site.

At present, Bradford Royal Infirmary and Huddersfield Royal Hospital operate an alternative 'on call' rota, whereby the emergency service is operational at one site one week, then the other site the following week. This arrangement has been in place for a number of years. The implications of this for YAS are that potential vascular patients from the Huddersfield area are conveyed to Bradford every other week, whilst potential vascular patients from the Bradford area are conveyed to Huddersfield every other week.

The numbers of emergency patients admitted to each site per year are very similar (circa. 1000 patients, both ambulance and self-present). Therefore, in terms of YAS journey time, it is not anticipated that there will be a material difference resulting from one site closure over another. In regards to resource journey time, YAS therefore do not have a preference as to which site closes its emergency vascular service.

As plans develop and it becomes clear which site is expected to close, we would like the opportunity to assess the exact impact on YAS resource.

Yours sincerely

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