

Vascular Services on the South Coast

Progress towards a Network

SHIP Cluster and CCG Action

- **Clear commitment to commission a network model of service as this will provide the most sustainable service for patients going forward**
- **Monitoring the quality of existing services at each of the local Trusts for compliance with the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland (VSGBI) standards.**
- **Contract compliance meetings to examine resourcing of the service**

SHIP Cluster and CCG Action

- **Facilitated discussions between the two trusts assisted by Professor Jonathan Earnshaw**
- **Continued dialogue with the Chief Executives of both trusts on their commitment to shared services**
- **Strategic Planning Group on 12th December to review implementation plans**

Shared Commitments

**University Hospitals
Southampton NHS FT and
Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust**

Principles agreed

- **Research**
 - All the clinicians agreed that there was scope for a collaborative approach to research in vascular research.
 - This can cover the entirety of the speciality and is consistent with NIHR plans and the emerging Academic Health Science Network.
- **Training and Education**
 - National change in training of vascular surgeons in part resulting from the recognition as a distinct new specialty. To maximise the chance of becoming a training network a joint application for training has been submitted.
- **On call service**
 - 3 of the PHT surgeons agreed to take part in a joint on call system to operate at the weekends.
 - Details of how this will work are being developed.
- **Major aortic cases**
 - It was agreed that open aortic surgery would be moved to UHS .

Reasons for working together - to ensure quality care across SHIP

- **Network should undertake enough activity to have high quality outcomes.**
- **Service must be available to treat patients 24 hours a day for 7 days a week.**
- **Service needs to be sustainable and meet standards demanded by commissioners.**
- **Additional Areas to be developed as part of emerging network:**
- **Development of joint UHS and PHT vascular service Multi Disciplinary Team.**
- **Support of the suprarenal stent graft programme.**
- **Subspecialisation of vascular team members.**

Timeline

- **Stages of change required to move to network**
- **April 2013**
 - Centralised weekend cover for all vascular emergencies based at UHS with the 4 PHT surgeons joining the 6 UHS surgeons on a one in ten rota.
 - This arrangement could start with centralised on call for the weekends then moving to the whole week. The details need to be discussed and agreed both in terms of operational elements and commissioned resources and capacity.
 - Emergency aortic surgery to be centralised at UHS.
- **October 2013**
 - All elective AAA open interventions to be centralised at UHS.

Next Steps

- **Strategic Planning group 12th December to confirm commissioning intentions for 13/14 and road map for implementation**
- **Draft joint rotas**
- **Develop communication plan**
- **Update Patient and Public Reference Group**