

Consultation Report

Topic details

Title of Service Specification:	Adult Neurosurgery
Programme of Care:	Trauma
Clinical Reference Group:	Neurosciences
URN:	170109S

1. Summary

This report summarises the outcome of a public consultation that was undertaken to test the service specification proposal.

2. Background

The service specification updates the current published version and covers the provision of adult neurosurgery, provided by specialist Neuroscience Centres. It includes all adult neurosurgical activity and all adult interventional activity within neuroradiology. The service specification has been reviewed with view to refining the detail of the document and updating the quality indicators. The updated version of the service specification does not describe any change to existing service provision.

3. Publication of consultation

The service specification was published and sign-posted on NHS England's website and was open to consultation feedback for a period of 60 days from 2 August 2018 to 1 October 2018. Consultation comments have then been shared with the Service Specification Working Group to enable full consideration of feedback and to support a decision on whether any changes to the service specification might be recommended.

Respondents were asked the following consultation questions:

- Does the impact assessment fairly reflect the likely activity, budget and service impact? If not, please describe any further impact not already detailed.
- Does the document describe the care and quality standards that you would expect for this service? If you selected 'No', what is missing or what should be amended?

- Please provide any comments that you may have about the potential impact on equality and health inequalities which might arise as a result of the proposed changes that have been described?
- Are there any changes or additions you think need to be made to this document, and why?

4. Results of consultation

There were ten responses in total [REDACTED]

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- The need to place the patient at the centre of neurosurgical care and use appropriate wording in the service specification to reflect this (level 1 category defined below).
- Some respondents questioned whether the growth in epidemiology (of neurological conditions) detailed in the impact assessment had been reflected in the service specification (level 2 category defined below).
- The lack of reference to other specialities such as neurorehabilitation, neurointervention, neurovascular, adult critical care services, all of which have their own service specifications (level 2 category defined below).
- A desire to see gold standard care and staffing numbers defined within the service specification (level 4 category defined below).

5. How have consultation responses been considered?

Responses have been carefully considered and noted in line with the following categories:

- Level 1: Incorporated into draft document immediately to improve accuracy or clarity
- Level 2: Issue has already been considered by the SSWG in its development and therefore draft document requires no further change
- Level 3: Could result in a more substantial change, requiring further consideration by the CRG in its work programme and as part of the next iteration of the document
- Level 4: Falls outside of the scope of the specification and NHS England's direct commissioning responsibility.

6. Has anything been changed in the service specification as a result of the consultation?

Other than incorporating suggested changes to the wording to improve clarity, the consultation process has not led to any substantial, material changes being made to the draft document.

7. Are there any remaining concerns outstanding following the consultation that have not been resolved in the final service specification proposal?

There are no remaining concerns and the document submitted constitutes the final draft of the service specification.