

Options for Neurosurgical Services Paper for Discussion

Introduction

This paper sets out a range of options for the configuration of adult and paediatric neurosurgical services in Scotland for consideration and agreement by the Action Team, prior to assessment of these options by the Team. It is not exhaustive in the number and type of options presented, but sets out those which have been identified by the Action Team.

Assumptions

Two key assumptions have been made which the Action Team must confirm prior to the options being assessed:

- 1 There is a need to change from the current configuration of services in terms of what is provided in the current locations. This is meant in terms of a different service model being delivered which concentrates certain types of activity to fewer sites, ie not everything that is currently done in each location will continue to be done in each location. The exact activity is yet to be defined.

This assumption is drawn from the findings of the Carter Review, Professor Teasdale's work and the previous discussions of the Team.

This means that the Status Quo, per se, is not an option for consideration. However the Status Quo in terms of numbers of locations but delivering a different service model, is an option and this is the start point for the options set out.

If the Action Team considers the Status Quo should be considered as an option it should confirm that.

- 2 The options for paediatric neurosurgery and adult neurosurgery should be considered separately.

The options in terms of number and locations are the same, however they may differ in terms of how far they meet the criteria for the two service areas.

Options

The options for both adult and paediatric neurosurgery are the same and are based on between 1 and four locations using the existing locations and one new location.

They are grouped in numbers of locations and given a reference:

Option		Adult Neurosurgery	Paediatric Neurosurgery
1 Location			
1.1	A new location	A1.1	P1.1
1.2	Glasgow	A1.2	P1.2
1.3	Edinburgh	A1.3	P1.3
1.4	Aberdeen	A1.4	P1.4
1.5	Dundee	A1.5	P1.5
2 Locations			
2.1	Glasgow and Edinburgh	A2.1	P2.1
2.2	Glasgow and Aberdeen	A2.2	P2.2
2.3	Glasgow and Dundee	A2.3	P2.3
2.4	Edinburgh and Aberdeen	A2.4	P2.4
2.5	Edinburgh and Dundee	A2.5	P2.5
2.6	Aberdeen and Dundee	A2.6	P2.6
3 Locations			
3.1	Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen	A3.1	P3.1
3.2	Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee	A3.2	P3.2
3.3	Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee	A3.3	P3.3
3.4	Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee	A3.4	P3.4
4 Locations			
4.1	Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh	A4.1	P4.1

Other configurations can be identified and added as agreed by the Action Team.

Action

The Team are asked to agree the options.

Next Steps

The Team are asked to assess how far each of the options meets the agreed criteria.

This assessment will provide further information as part of the Action Team's considerations.