

## **SPECIALISED COMMISSIONING TRAUMA PROGRAMME OF CARE BRIEFING**

### **Briefing 7: December 2016**

**Trauma is one of the National Programmes of Care (NPoC) which have been designed to organise the individual service areas into six functional groupings. The National Trauma Programme of Care covers prescribed specialised services in traumatic injury, orthopaedics, head and neck and rehabilitation; this relates to both specialised and highly specialised prescribed services, and includes both surgical and medical services.**

**It consists of an NPoC Board and seven Clinical Reference Groups (CRGs): Rehabilitation and Disability, Major Trauma, Spinal Services, Neurosciences, Adult Critical Care, Specialised Ear and Ophthalmology Services and Specialised Pain**

**Programmes of Care are co-chaired by a clinician and a member of NHS England's specialised commissioning senior management team. The Trauma PoC is co-chaired by Paul May Divisional Clinical Director for Neurosurgery, Critical Care and Pain, at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust in Liverpool and Robert Cornall Regional Director of Specialised Commissioning NorthThe Senior Programme Manager for Blood and Infection is Jacqui Kent**

#### **1. Trauma PoC Board meeting**

The Trauma PoC Board met on the 29<sup>th</sup> November . Discussions included policies, specifications and service reviews currently on the Trauma PoC workplan and an update on PPV recruitment. The board also had an update on Commissioning through Evaluation proposals, the outcomes will be advised centrally at a later date. Since the board meeting the decisions from the Clinical Priorities Advisory Group (CPAG) have been announced and those relating to Trauma PoC are set out below.

#### **2. Trauma PoC Specialised Commissioning policies update**

The PoC Board were updated on the progress on a number of commissioning policies that are being developed. The following policies remain at the evidence review stage, as they were in the last update: Boston keratoprosthesis for patients that are no longer suitable for corneal transplant; Deep Brain Stimulation for tourettes; Intra-arterial thrombectomy for stroke. Policies that have already completed the evidence review stage are: Adalimumab for adults with severe refractory uveitis. This policy is awaiting publication of a trial. Osseointegration for transfemoral amputation is awaiting further evidence. Deep brain stimulation for

refractory epilepsy will not be routinely commissioned. Multi Grip Upper limbs policy requires the formation of a policy working group to progress.

Since the Trauma PoC board meeting NHS England has announced that the decision to routinely commission ten new specialised treatments. This was part of the annual prioritisation process for specialised treatments which was re run following the Court of Appeal ruling that NHS England, alongside local authorities, has the power, although not the obligation, to fund the provision of anti-retroviral drugs for the prevention of HIV, known as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

The new treatments which come under the Trauma PoC that will now be routinely commissioned are below:

- Auditory brainstem implants for congenital abnormalities of the auditory nerves or cochleae;
- Everolimus for subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) associated with tuberous sclerosis complex;
- Microprocessor controlled prosthetic knees.

### **3. Service Specifications**

The service specification on neurorehabilitation is on hold until completion of the review. Additional work is ongoing on the adult critical care service specification. The board endorsed Adult Neurology pre service specification to go forward without need for an evidence review as it is a revision of an existing service specification. The review of the service specification for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is on hold pending the outcome of the service review.

### **4. CRG Recruitment**

Recruitment for chairs and clinical members is almost complete on the seven Clinical Reference Groups (CRGs) that come under the Trauma PoC. Recruitment of affiliate members is still underway and there have been some expressions of interest for the PPV roles.

### **5. Programme of Care service reviews**

**The Spinal Cord Injury Service Review** - is progressing well and has produced a first draft report. Commercial team have offered project management team support to get the SCI review completed. There is also finance support in place for this project.

**The Prosthetics review** - A project manager has been appointed and the review commenced in October 2016. The aims of the review are to: gain an improved understanding of the services NHS England commissions; explore options for improving the service in relation to both quality and value for money; understand current and future demand; and develop a revised service specification, which enables better contract monitoring. As part of that process, providers will be surveyed to understand current levels of service provision. Throughout the review, the views of service users and stakeholders will be sought, particularly in relation to quality measures and access. It is expected that the review will run until late 2017.

**A Specialist Rehabilitation review** has now been agreed in collaboration with CCGs to commence in April 2017.

**Paediatric Burns Review** – the PICU aspects of this review are to be picked up by the PICU review, which commenced in November 2016.

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