

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

BURNS NETWORK GROUP

The Burns Network Group

The Burns Network Group for the North and Cumbria has been in existence for several years. This has now changed to the North East and Cumbria Operational Service Group (OSG) which reports into North of England and North Wales Burns Strategy Board. Martin Pettifor, Business Director for the Trust, is now the Chair of the OSG.

Timetable for Action

- Options have been put forward by all three Burns networks and a risk assessment of options is now taking place.
- This will be presented back to the North of England and North Wales Burns Strategy Board over the next couple of months, which will agree the proposal for the provision/location of services to be put forward to the National Burn Care Group (acting on behalf of the Department of Health).
- The proposal will be considered and a decision from the Department of Health, following guidance from the National Burn Care Group, is expected by January 2009.

A summary of feedback from NE & NCOSG is attached and is comprehensive. Meanwhile our next NE and NC Operational Services Group meeting is on Friday 29th August 2008 at 2.00 pm in RVI Board Room.

Mrs Ethel Randall
Public Governor
25th June 2008

Topic Areas: Summary of Feedback from NE&NC OSG

Areas of Focus	General consensus that Paediatrics should be an area of focus. Other areas suggested: Links with Primary Care and the Community Patient Pathways Rehabilitation Education and Training Prevention Research Treatment Protocols Major Incident Planning
Additional Suggestions	A&E links (transfer guidelines & treatment protocols) Non-accidental injuries in children and links with multi-agency partners NSF for Children and Young People

Future Configuration of Burn Services – Summary of Responses from NE&NC OSG

	North East and North Cumbria	North West England and North Wales	Yorkshire and the Humber
Adult Burn Centre (complex/severe burns)	Newcastle (8)	Manchester/Liverpool (6) (or both combined as a twin centre)	Nil
Paediatric Burn Centre (complex/severe burns)	Newcastle (8)	Manchester/Liverpool (7) (not necessarily same as adult burns centre)	Nil
Adult Burn Unit (serious burns)	Middlesbrough (5)	Manchester/Liverpool (5) (whichever is not a burn centre)	Wakefield and Sheffield (3)
Burn Facility (standard burns)	Durham (3)	Preston and Chester (2) Preston alone (1)	Leeds and Bradford (3)
Assumptions	<p>i) In the above tables, ‘Standard’ burns care equates to facility level care, the care of ‘Serious’ burns equates to unit level and the care of ‘Complex/Severe’ burns equates to centre level as proposed in the National Burn Care Review.</p> <p>ii) All current services will continue to be required at some level.</p> <p>iii) No service will function more than one level below its aspiration.</p> <p>iv) There would be at least one adult and one children’s provider of complex/severe burn care in the North of England. In scenarios with two or more providers of complex/severe burn care in the North of England, at least one of those providers will be located in the North East.</p> <p>v) Responding to the National Burn Care Group along the lines of “we wish to maintain services as they are” is not an acceptable position.</p>		
Suggested Comments	<p><i>i) The focus of recommendations by the NE&NC OSG is on the configuration of services for the North East and North Cumbria. The group feels less well qualified to comment on options for York and Humberside or North West and Wales.</i></p> <p><i>ii) As there appears to be no aspiration to provide complex care for children in the Leeds-Bradford-Sheffield area, such care should be provided in the North West either for the whole of that area or, if only for part of it, with Newcastle providing the balance.</i></p>		