

Trust Board Paper No:

Ealing Hospital 
NHS Trust

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TITLE OF REPORT: Response to the Healthcare for London consultation on developing new, high-quality major trauma and stroke services in London "The shape of things to come"

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DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE:

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SUMMARY:

This paper provides background information on the consultation on changes to stroke services across London. It recommends that the Board does not support the recommended options within the consultation.

The proposed changes to major trauma services are covered in a separate paper.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK:

A1 – Provide accessible high quality and responsive services to meet the needs and expectations of our diverse population.

SPECIFY ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS OR LOSS OF INCOME AND HOW THIS WILL BE RESOURCED:

Whilst the prime reason for the stroke bid was not financial there are, nevertheless, costs associated with losing stroke services, as there would also be with a successful bid.

It is estimated that direct income of c. £1.5m would be lost if stroke is no longer provided at Ealing, losing a £600k contribution to fixed costs and overheads. Variable costs associated with this income are only £100k, whilst the remaining

£800k is in semi-fixed ward costs. Therefore the net loss to the Trust will be between £0.6m and £1.4m.

A successful stroke unit bid has an increased cost of between £1.2m and £1.7m attached to it (associated with additional staff and therapy costs), although this is based on provisional changes to stroke income tariffs which Healthcare for London have said may be subject to further review.

HOW THIS POLICY/PROPOSAL RECOGNISES EQUALITY LEGISLATION:

N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION AND PATIENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Public consultation is currently taking place.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Board is asked to:

1. Support the attached response to the consultation document which recommends locating a SU and TIA service on the Ealing site.
2. Mandate the Executive team to continue to work towards a stroke unit and TIA service at Ealing.
3. Highlight concerns to a range of local partners via the Executive team and senior clinicians.
4. Consider potential partners who might be willing to provide and manage an SU on the Ealing site.