1. NATIONAL CONTEXT

The national guidance on ODNs was published by the NHS Commissioning Board on 21\textsuperscript{st} December – Developing Operational Delivery Networks: The Way Forward.

This guidance set out that with effect from 1\textsuperscript{st} April 2013, ODNs will be commissioned by specialised commissioners in line with national service specifications, and hosted by agreed lead providers within the geographical area.

The scope in the national guidance covers: adult critical care, paediatric critical care, neonatal critical care, burn care; and major trauma.

Funding of ODNs is via specialised services CQUINs funds (0.1% topslice in 2013/14); moving over time to tariff structures through identification in reference costs.

The host provider is responsible for ensuring that the Network Steering Group is accountable to the organisations represented on the Group. The Chair of the Network needs to be an experienced leader unlikely to be employed by the host.

2. LOCAL CONTEXT

In line with the national guidance, the ODNs in Yorkshire and the Humber have been safely transferred to host providers.

For adult services there is an ODN staffing “hub” based in each of the tertiary providers for each sub-regional area. For children’s services there is a single network infrastructure hosted by one provider. Details of the host providers and the network scope/footprints are shown in Appendix A.

The national service specifications will be included in the contract documentation. There have been formal handover meetings with each of the four Trusts concerned.

Existing staff associated with the ODN function have been transferred under TUPE. All the Trusts have also inherited a range of vacancies.

All the Trusts have received a funding allocation which will be included in the contract with NHS England.

All the Trusts are planning to support the existing meeting arrangements until such time as new ways of working can be safety established.
3. **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

As this is a completely new way of working and all the Trusts have inherited vacancies, it will be necessary to set realistic and deliverable outputs for the first half of the year. All Trusts will need to recruit to achieve a full complement of staff.

There is also a need to undertake further work with all the Trusts on establishing robust governance arrangements, appointing network chairs and reporting arrangements.

A further piece of work will be to develop a service specification for a vascular network.

4. **NEXT STEPS**

The initial priorities for the specialised commissioning team and the host providers to focus on include:

- staff recruitment, including clinical sessions;
- developing, agreeing and implementing a robust governance model;
- assessing system compliance against the national service specifications and identifying core areas for action;
- developing / adopting an annual work programme for each network (exploring where work can be undertaken once and shared across the ODNs)

There are plans to hold a local workshop in June involving all the relevant stakeholders, including commissioners, to facilitate ODN development across the area.

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Appendix A

OPERATIONAL DELIVERY NETWORKS IN YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER – TRUST, SCOPE, GEOGRAPHICAL FOOTPRINT

1 Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Trust
   - North Trent Critical Care Network
   - North Trent Major Trauma Network
   - South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Vascular Network *
   - Northern Burn Care Network

2 Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust
   - West Yorkshire Critical Care Network
   - West Yorkshire Major Trauma Network
   - North Yorkshire Vascular Network *

3 Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust
   - North Yorkshire and Humber Critical Care Network
   - North Yorkshire and Humber Major Trauma Network
   - North Yorkshire and Humber Vascular Network *

4 Sheffield Children’s Hospital
   - North Trent Neonatal Network
   - Yorkshire Neonatal Network
   - Yorkshire Paediatric Critical Care Network
   - North Trent Paediatric Critical Care Network

5 “Miscellaneous”
   - Clinical sessions for Major Trauma to be provided on a Yorkshire and Humber-wide basis not allocated to a specific provider.
   - Clinical sessions for Vascular Services to be provided on a Yorkshire and Humber-wide basis not allocated to a specific provider.

* NB: Vascular Networks require development.