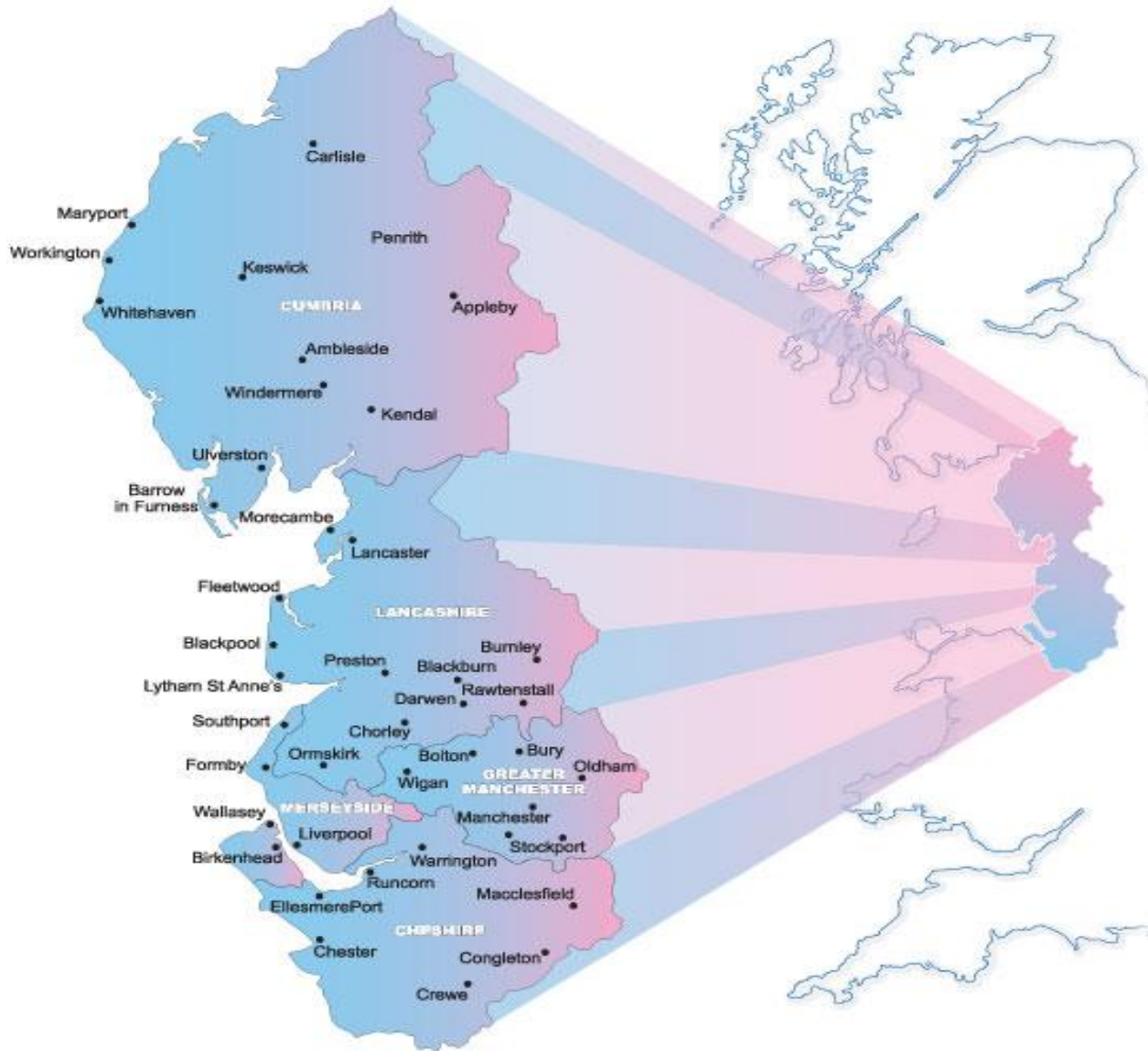




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Report to PCT CEs on paediatric elective surgery September 2009

Issue

- Year on year increase in children being referred to children's hospitals for surgery
- Limited number of procedures being carried out by surgeons in some DGHs
- Different models of paediatric surgery/networks across the NW



Paediatric Elective Surgical Review

Sir Alan Craft report July 2010

Recommendations

SHA/PCTs

- Paediatric Surgical Network be established to cover the NW SHA area
- Appoint Network Director with administrative support
- Monitor standards and performance of network
- Explore alignment with NW Quality Observatory - AQUA

Network

- Set Standards, monitor/evaluate services,
- Define what surgery undertaken and timing
- Explore DGHs undertaking general paediatric surgery for neighbouring DGHs
- Consider sustainability of service
- Promote education and maintenance of competencies
- Align with NW quality observatory, AQUA

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Recommendations

Trusts

- Join network and adhere to standards
- Facilitate and monitor paediatric competencies of clinicians providing surgical services
- Ensure surgery only undertaken by those who have demonstrated competence
- Childrens aspect of a doctors work appraised separately from adult practice
- Ensure quality of service through education of anaesthetists and surgeons

Clinicians

- Appraisal of paediatric competencies
- Be aware and adhere to network standards



Response to Alan Craft report

August 2010

Time limited taskforce

- Develop the set of standards for paediatric surgery
- Design a template for audit based on these standards with AquA
- Design a self assessment tools for Trusts in the NW
- Design a peer review process in the NW
- Explore the opportunities to work with AquA to develop a community of practice
- Make recommendations about the potential future role of a network.



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Next steps

- Report disseminated to all Trusts CE/Chairs, PCTs/CCGs
- AQUA agreed to support implementation of audit and benchmarking
- Clinicians keen to produce standards for other paediatric surgery e.g. ENT, ophthalmology
- Future policy on clinical networks

