

3. Organisation of vascular services

Patient information

The data above indicate that there are substantial differences between hospitals in the range of services they are able to provide for elective and emergency aortic surgery patients and in the expertise of their staff. Patients should always have as much information as possible so that their decisions about their care are fully informed. The 'Choose and Book' initiative reinforces the need for patients to receive information to help them make choices. Hospitals, general practitioners and patients should consider how best to present all the information patients need for them to make a proper decision about the quality of care that a hospital provides.