



### Meeting the standards for vascular patients

Did you know that NHS England working together with the hospitals and local clinical commissioning groups (led by GPs) are making changes to ensure that the standards set by the experts – The Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland – are met? This means major vascular surgery will be provided at the University of Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, with other services provided locally. Patients, families and carers were involved during the consultation stage and now we need to ensure that this continues throughout the implementation stage.

We need representatives from across the whole of Southern Hampshire and the support of local community of Portsmouth City to be part of a forum which will make sure that patients' voices are heard and acted on during the implementation of this important change to services.

So:

- Have you been a user of vascular services in Hampshire or on the Isle of Wight or have an interest in vascular services?
- Are you a family member of carer or someone who has used or is using vascular services?
- Would you be able to share your experiences with a group of patients and health care professionals?

If yes, please join us one of the workshops to be held in November.

Area	Date	Venue	Time
Portsmouth	7 November 2016	John Pounds Community Centre	10.30 – 12.00
Gosport	22 November 2016	Gosport Voluntary Action Meeting Room	10.00 – 11.30
Petersfield	28 November 2016	Petersfield Community Hospital	14.00 – 15.30

Please register with Sarah Balchin, Head of Patient Experience at [sarah.balchin@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.balchin@porthosp.nhs.uk) and we shall provide further details for you about the day.