

International comparisons of selected service lines in seven health systems

ANNEX 1 – INTRODUCTION, SCOPE AND APPROACH

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Introduction

Monitor's recent work on smaller acute providers identified the increasingly prevalent view that the way acute care is delivered will need to change in order to meet the significant financial and quality challenges ahead. More recently this message has been reiterated in the NHS Five Year Forward View, which recommends that the NHS looks both within the UK and internationally to find examples of the best models of care to learn from. In line with this thinking, Monitor launched a project on international care delivery models in order to identify potential lessons for the NHS. We commissioned McKinsey & Company and Nigel Edwards of the Nuffield Trust to conduct the primary research, the results of which are available in Annexes 2 - 16 to our report. This research has informed our thinking on how international models of care may hold relevant lessons for the NHS, ideas which we set out in our accompanying report.

Methodology

- This report describes the results of an eight week study into international care delivery models
 - Interviews were conducted with both country and service line experts, in England and abroad
 - Standards in place for each service line in the various regions were reviewed to provide context around constraints and standards of care
 - A desk-based literature and evidence review was conducted to build a picture of service line provision in each country, and to map the providers involved

- This report is structured around each service line, with country context provided first
 - The first section compares the seven regions/countries in terms of health system set-up to provide a context for the detailed service line reviews
 - The second section provides a review of each service line individually, across each region studied:
 - The standards in each region are described and compared to the NHS
 - The service line delivery model in each region is described
 - Where applicable, a sub-region is reviewed to depth to provide a detailed map of service provision and additional information around care delivery models

Review of 7 service lines in 7 geographies

Service lines



Stroke



Maternity



Paediatrics



A&E



Critical care²



Emergency surgery³



Acute medicine⁴

Countries

Sweden



Ontario, Canada



Germany



Arkansas, USA



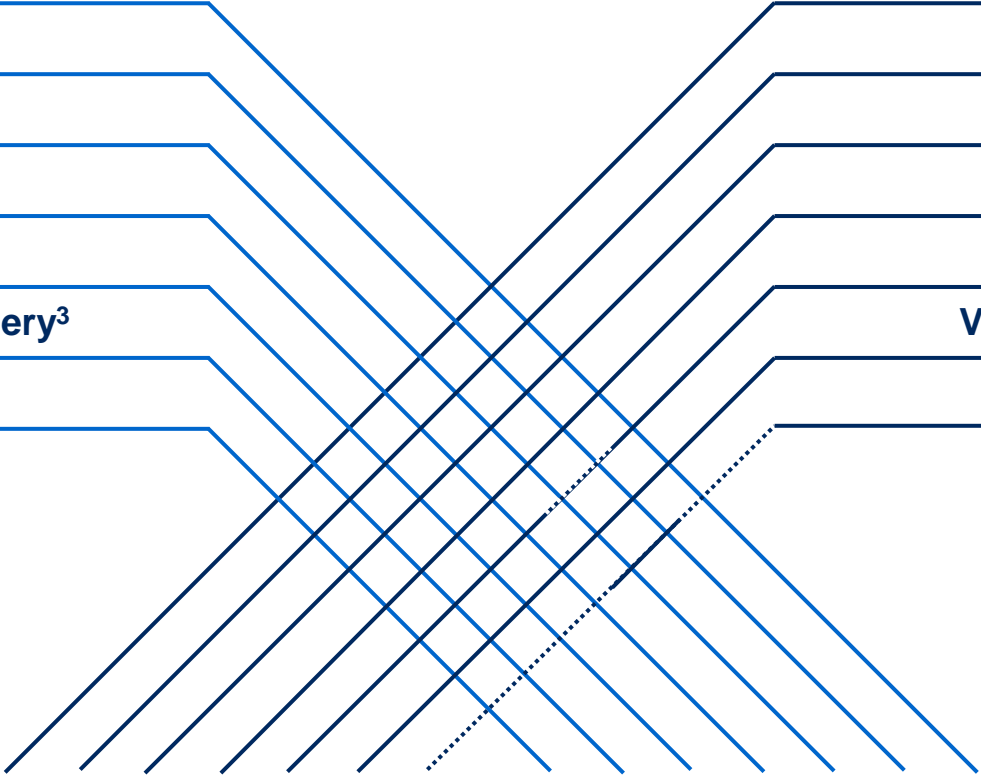
Netherlands¹



Victoria, Australia



France¹



1 France replaces the Netherlands in the case of maternity
2 Focus on adult critical care
3 Detailed review of standards for FNOF (Fractured Neck of Femur)
4 High level review only