

## Getting It Right First Time – published reports available related to Mid & South Essex hospital services

Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) is a national programme designed to improve medical care within the NHS by reducing unwarranted variations. By tackling variations in the way services are delivered across the NHS, and by sharing best practice between trusts, GIRFT identifies changes that will help improve care and patient outcomes, as well as delivering efficiencies such as the reduction of unnecessary procedures and cost savings. Those interested in understanding more about some of the existing services which are subject to proposed changes may wish to review these reports.

Following a success of the pilot in orthopaedic surgery the GIRFT methodology was rolled out to more than 30 specialties. Three national specialty reports have been published to date, as set out below. Others in draft currently include Gynaecology, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Ear, Nose and Throat Surgery.

Consideration of these reviews, alongside other evidence and scrutiny will be used by local commissioners and the East of England Clinical Senate in reviewing proposals as part of the *Your Care in the Best Place* programme in April 2018.

Specialty	Clinical lead and publication date	Relevance to the Mid and South Essex STP consultation	Link to the report:
Orthopaedic surgery	Professor Tim Briggs (2015)	The report recommends the creation of dedicated units for planned orthopaedic surgery, safeguarding theatre capacity to deliver safe, cost effective and quality treatment. In line with this recommendation the consultation proposes that planned orthopaedic surgery should be delivered from two centres, Southend Hospital in south Essex and Braintree Hospital in mid Essex. <b>This supports the consultation principle that planned operations should, where possible, be separate from patients who are coming into hospital in an emergency</b>	<a href="http://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/surgical-specialty/orthopaedic-surgery/">http://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/surgical-specialty/orthopaedic-surgery/</a>
General surgery	John Abercrombie (2017)	The report makes the case for hospitals to move towards and surgical assessment unit model in A&E, providing expert diagnostic input at an early stage. This is now being proposed for all three hospitals in Mid and South Essex. <b>This support the consultation principle that there should be improvements in A&amp;E including the development of four assessment units at all three hospitals, creating an “emergency hub”</b>	<a href="http://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/national-general-surgery-report-published-2/">http://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/national-general-surgery-report-published-2/</a>
Vascular surgery	Professor Michael Horrocks (2018)	The pivotal recommendation of the vascular surgery report is that all units should be part of hub and spoke models to improve patient outcomes. The consultation proposes this model for Mid and South Essex with a specialist vascular hub at Basildon Hospital. <b>This supports the consultation principle that some specialist services (that require a hospital stay) should be brought together in one place, where this would improve patient care and outcomes</b>	<a href="http://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/girft_vascular_surgery_report-march_2018/">http://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/girft_vascular_surgery_report-march_2018/</a>