



Join the vascular services User Reference Group

King's College and St Thomas' hospitals want your views on proposed changes to their vascular services

King's College and St Thomas' hospitals are proposing to make changes to their vascular services to improve care and treatment for patients. Included in the proposal is a plan to relocate inpatient vascular services from the King's College site to St Thomas'. (Other services such as outpatient and day case care would remain the same.)

They are setting up a User Reference Group to ensure they hear the views of patients and the public on the proposed changes. You are invited to join.

Purpose of the User Reference Group

The aim of the group is to gather users and potential users of the hospitals' vascular services to better understand public opinion about the proposed changes. Full details of the role and purpose of the group can be found in its [Terms of Reference document](#) and the [original invitation letter](#).

Join the group

To join the User Reference Group or to learn more, please contact Marc Delon, St Thomas' vascular service manager, at marc.delon@gstt.nhs.uk or 077 7161 0442.

First meeting

The first meeting will be on Wednesday 28 July at 11am-1pm at the James Black Centre ground floor seminar room at King's College Hospital.

They will discuss the work that has been done and why they would like to make changes to the vascular services. Refreshments will be provided and reasonable travel costs will be reimbursed.

[View the invitation](#) from King's College and Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals.

What are vascular services?

Vascular services provide treatment and management of conditions that affect the veins and arteries. These can range from the treatment of varicose veins to open surgery for aneurysms, although keyhole surgery now accounts for much of our activity. The vascular service also works closely with Lymphoedema, thoracic, renal and cardiac surgery.