Specialised Commissioning in Yorkshire & Humber is a system comprised of partners from CCGs & Area Teams who have come together to agree, refine and implement the following vision:

To commission specialised services, concentrated in 15-30 centres, that are sustainable, high quality, innovative, and seamless

System Objective One

Concentrate services in centres of excellence

System Objective Two

Commission for outcomes with robust service user involvement

System Objective Three

Evidence-based services

System Objective Four

Clinically and financially sustainable network service models

System Objective Five

Collaborative commissioning with partners

Delivered through: Service Specifications

Assessment of compliance against the national service specifications will translate into a clear work programme for both providers and commissioners to take forward working closely with CCGs regarding the impact on future service configuration in each locality

Delivered through Consistent Pricing

Standardisation of local prices via national benchmarking and greater scrutiny of data; with particular focus on top 10 spend areas

Delivered through High Quality Data and Business intelligence

Access to and effective use of data and intelligence held regarding specialised services and population need, working closely with South and West Yorkshire CSU

Delivered through QIPP

Consistent application of the QIPP (quality, improvement, prevention, productivity) methodology to all commissioned services, to move us into the transformational agenda and achieve financial balance

Delivered through Shared Work Programme

- Determination of where/what the centres of excellence for each service are, and the relevant network footprints; agree the commissioner footprint for development work
- Developing sustainable models of care and clinical networks
- Alignment of work programmes with Yorkshire & Humber Strategic Clinical Networks and Operational Delivery Networks

Overseen through the following governance arrangements

- National – PMO in place to oversee construction and delivery of specialised services action plan, which includes oversight of business planning processes; national Specialised Commissioning Oversight Group in place, with Area Team Director membership;
- Regional – further oversight provided by Regional Specialised Commissioning Operational Group, and Regional Transformation Group; support in place through regional POC leads
- Local – 3 Area Teams regular meeting; CCG Collaboratives; Yorkshire & Humber Clinical Senate in place; "host" contractors of providers working with SY&B AT on managing quality performance

Measured using the following success criteria

- Reduction in variation
- Improvement in clinical outcomes
- Full provider compliance against national specifications and standards
- Comprehensive set of national clinical commissioning policies governing access and eligibility for services
- Specialised services evenly distributed across the country to ensure optimum access, designed on the basis of clear evidence
- Well-defined service models and patient pathways
- Reduced number of centres of excellence with clear catchment networks in place
- Sustainable workforce

System values and principles

- Patients and the public are at the heart of everything we do
- Commissioning initiatives must always be underpinned by a clear and robust evidence base
- Commissioners across the system will work together in pursuit of optimal patient outcomes and experience
- QIPP principles are applied consistently across commissioning
- Transparency in decision-making & clear accountability