Proposed high level criteria against which External Expert Advisory Group (EEAG) will consider options:

- a) Services will cover all of the stroke patient's care from prevention through to long term care or end of life
- b) Irrespective of where people live or their socio economic status, people across NHS Midlands and East will have access to care possible.
- c) Organisations can show that they will work together to deliver the services people need; working across health and social care; and for people whose care involves organisations outside the area
- d) Services take into account people who are living and working in the area as well as those that travel through that area
- e) Plans include all services that the patient will need eg medical, nursing, therapy, psychological support etc; all are of equal importance
- f) Plans will enable an improvement in stroke mortality, in patient's quality of life, and their experience of care
- g) Services are cost effective and financially sustainable
- h) Service provision is clinically sustainable.