

Supplementary Table S1. VERN Executive Committee member average scores ($n = 12$) for COVER tier 1 question responses when asked about the perceived significance of each response in terms of service reduction/change.

QUESTION & HEADLINE RESPONSE	SPECIFIC RESPONSE	MEAN	ST.DEV
Have you modified the working pattern for consultants/attending/faculty within your unit?			
YES	Consultants asked to support other specialties	2.58	0.51
	Reduced elective activity	1.75	0.84
	Urgent intervention only	2.25	0.62
	Doubled up on call / shadow on call	1.54	0.71
	Reduced number of consultants in hospital	1.38	0.71
NO*		0.00	0.00
Have you or members of your junior team been asked to cross cover other surgical specialties			
YES	Yes, to medical specialties	2.42	0.80
	Yes, to the emergency department	2.25	0.75
	Yes, to ITU / HDU	2.17	0.72
	Yes, to surgical specialties	1.17	0.39
NO*		0.00	0.00
Have you modified the outpatient clinics within your unit?			
YES	Video/Telephone consultation for all	1.83	0.58
	All cancelled	3.00	0.00
	Video/Telephone consultation for triaged patients only	2.21	0.58
	Triage of referrals and then review those eligible in person	1.33	0.49
NO*		0.00	0.00
Are you running an emergency or 'hot' clinic for urgent referrals?			

YES	Yes, 1 - 2 days per week	1.36	0.79
	Yes, 3 - 4 days per week	1.64	0.67
	≥5 per week	2.00	1.26
NO*		0.00	0.00
Are you participating in a face-to-face MDT?			
YES*		0.00	0.00
NO*		1.00	0.00
<i>If you are not running a face-to-face MDT how have you replaced this?</i>			
	Not being replaced*	3.00	0.00
	Video conference / teleconference	1.55	0.52
	Limited Core team attending, others dialling in as required	1.55	0.69
Is your primary cross-sectional imaging service available as normal?			
YES*		0.00	0.00
NO		2.58	0.65
If you have a AAA screening programme, is this still running as normal?			
YES*		0.00	0.00
NO	No, Stopped	2.67	0.49
	No, Reduced	1.58	0.51
(Do not have a screening programme*)		0.00	0.00
Do you still have a service running to image patients after an EVAR?			
YES*		0.00	0.00
NO	No, Stopped	2.42	0.51
	No, reduced	1.33	0.49
Is there a full endovascular aortic service available?			
YES	Running as normal in hours	1.18	0.82

	Running as normal 24hours/day*	0.00	0.00
	Yes but Ad hoc	1.63	0.54
	Reduced due to COVID related sickness/absence of staff	2.33	0.66
NO	No (only for urgent cases)	2.54	0.47
Are you relying on an increased endovascular strategy service first for CLTI?			
YES*		1.00	0.00
NO*		0.00	0.00
Do you have vascular specific inpatient beds?			
YES*		0.00	0.00
NO*		1.00	0.00
<i>% fall in inpatient vascular beds (compared to normal)</i>			
	0 - 25%	0.96	0.85
	26 - 50%	1.83	0.61
	51 - 75%	2.46	0.50
	76 - 100%	2.75	0.62
Have you changed your operative practice for elective AAA surgery?			
YES	Symptomatic/ruptured only	2.92	0.29
	Yes, >6.5cm Asymptomatic	2.04	0.62
	>7cm Asymptomatic	2.59	0.66
	EVAR only (i.e. only EVAR if anatomically suitable)	2.42	0.64
NO*		0.00	0.00
In general, have you changed your CLTI revascularisation strategy?			
YES	Tissue loss only	2.50	0.80
	Rest pain or worse	1.92	0.74

	Increased endovascular strategy	1.79	0.75
	More conservative decision making	2.08	0.79
NO*		0.00	0.00
In general, have you altered how you manage symptomatic carotid disease?			
YES	Crescendo TIA only	2.58	0.51
	Case-by-case	1.71	0.81
NO (still following national/international guidelines) *		0.00	0.00
In general, have you modified your acute aortic syndrome pathway (type B aortic dissection etc.)?			
YES	Conservative management, unless ruptured	2.00	0.67
	Conservative management in a non-ITU/CCU bed	2.42	0.64
	Early TEVAR and discharge	1.96	0.92
NO*		0.00	0.00
Do you have access to a dedicated vascular surgery list daily?			
YES	Elective vascular lists*	0.00	0.00
	Reduced but still some during the week	1.50	0.50
	Urgent theatre cases only	2.75	0.45
NO vascular specific slots/lists		2.42	0.50
<i>If YES - is this running at normal capacity? Any changes to staffing (e.g. theatre team, anaesthetic cover)?</i>			
Running at normal capacity/no changes*		0.00	0.00
Any change specified in free text response*		1.00	0.00
If you had access to a hybrid theatre before the pandemic, do you still have normal access to it now?			
YES	Normal access*	0.00	0.00
	Reduced access	1.83	0.58

NO	No access at all	2.83	0.39
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For each response, '0' represents the least perceived change and '3' represented the most perceived change. *indicates responses for which a pre-specified score was mandated.

AAA = abdominal aortic aneurysm, CCU = coronary care unit, CLTI = chronic limb threatening ischemia, HDU = high dependency unit, ITU = intensive care unit, MDT = multidisciplinary team, ST.DEV = standard deviation, TEVAR = thoracic endovascular aortic repair, TIA = transient ischemic attack.