

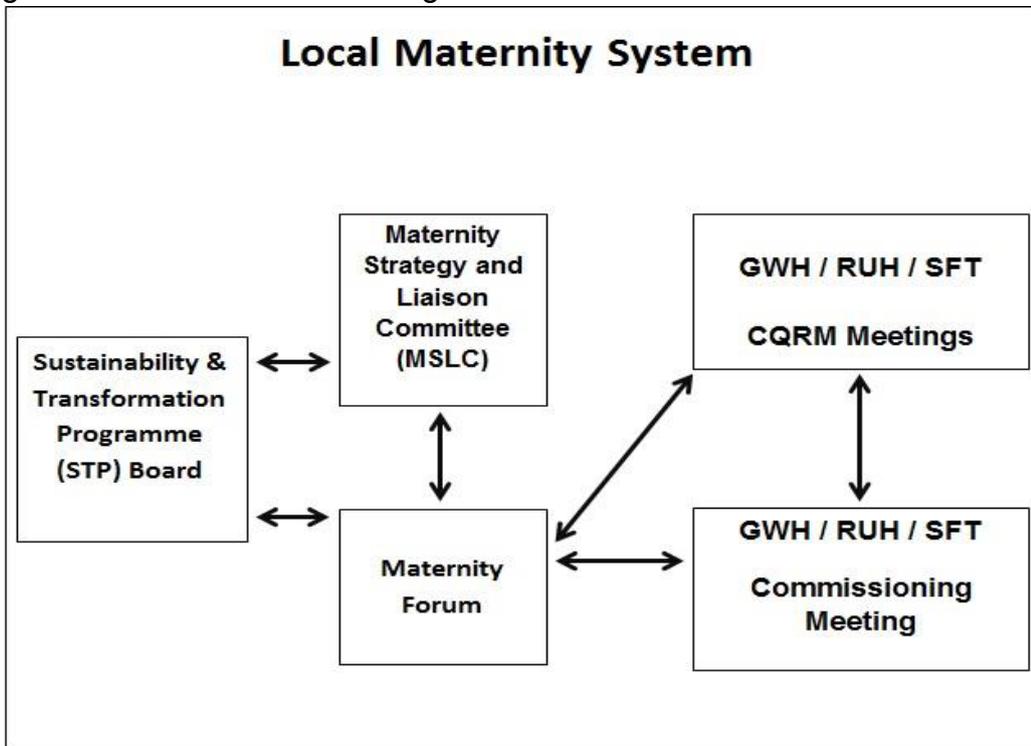
Maternity Transformation Plan Briefing
Health and Wellbeing Select Committee
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Introduction

This briefing provides an oversight of the new co-created Maternity Transformation Plan. The plan details our system wide response across the Strategic Transformation Partnership (STP) footprint to the national Better Birth Recommendations and the NHS Five Year Forward View. It also describes our vision for local maternity services to ensure that - “All women have a safe and positive birth and maternity experience, and be prepared to approach parenting with confidence.”

National Requirements

All Maternity services were asked to develop a Local Maternity System (LMS) across their STP footprint by October 2017. The B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire STP created such a system in April 2017 with all providers and commissioners across the maternity pathway joining together to discuss and agree operational and strategic aims and objectives. A governance framework was agreed and this features below:



All activity and performance data is now peer reviewed at an STP level through this structure to ensure consistency and parity of provision and experience for our population.

Creation of our Plan

Each LMS was asked to produce a Maternity Transformation Plan (MTP) for regional submission on 20 October 2017. A whole system work shop was held in June 2017 with more than 60 attendees including service users, providers, commissioners, and all partner agencies. The vision for our plan was co-created during this work shop along the agreement of four core commitments:

a. Women and their chosen support networks will be partners in care

Women will receive unbiased, timely information to enable them to participate fully in personalised care planning, and they will be encouraged to explore and question available options. Services will reflect on the language they use, focusing on the women's experience. Above all women will be listened to.

b. Maternity services and organisational partners within the LMS will work collaboratively

Woman will receive a service that is seamless and joined up irrespective of where they access their care. Women will receive personalised care and staff will be enabled to provide continuity.

c. We will enhance safety through assisting all women to experience the best birth possible for their personal circumstances.

Woman will be supported to make informed decisions, ensuring risks and benefits are assessed, discussed and managed proportionality. We will adopt an approach that works with the physiology of labour and optimises physical and mental good health. Learning will be shared across organisations and multidisciplinary teams will learn together.

d. Woman, partners and their families will be supported and enabled to optimise their health in preparation for pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

Ensuring staff have the skills and confidence to deliver consistent and effective public health interventions that positively impact on outcomes for women and children.

Review events were held to further develop the plan and a follow up work shop took place in September 2017 where more than 35 attendees co-designed the associated action plan to support implementation and mobilisation. The plan was submitted to the South West Clinical Network in October and the following assurance timetable has been confirmed:

- 30 October - South Regional Team undertaking Assurance Review
- 2 November - Submission to the National Team
- 21 November – Plans presented to National Work Stream 1 Delivery Board
- 6 December – sign off by National Transformation Board

The plan will be presented to the STP Executive Group by the end of November 2017 and in parallel will be discussed as part of each organisations governance process.

Next steps

Public consultation will of course be key. A full Engagement Plan is being developed, which will build on the work commenced by the Royal United Hospital in Bath in relation to place of birth. The MTP plan will be finalised by the end of November. The STP wide Maternity Strategy and Liaison Committee (MSLC) undertake a place of birth survey earlier this year with more than 800 responses. This feedback was used during the development of the plan and will form the basis of the Engagement Strategy.

The mobilisation and implementation of the plan will be support by a dedicated project midwife, which is being funded from national money dedicated to the development of Local Maternity Systems. This post is currently being recruited to.