

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	28th January 2020	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Transforming Maternity Services Together – outcome and next steps	
WARD:	All	
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Transforming Maternity Services Together – summary slide deck		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This update provides a summary of the Maternity Service Reconfiguration programme, which has been running for the past three years across BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW). It includes an update on the decision made by BSW Governing Body on January 16th 2020 and next steps.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to;

- 2.1 Note the update and next steps

3 THE REPORT

In 2016, a Local Maternity System (LMS) was created across the BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) geography to standardise and improve experience for mums and families and support delivery of the national Better Births recommendations.

In parallel to this, the Royal United Hospital in Bath had begun conducting a review of place of birth options for women within its services. This review was then extended to facilitate an assessment of place of birth options for all women across BSW.

Engagement activities were then held across our area to better understand the reasons for these changes and the views of women and families in relation to place of birth. More than 2,000 women and families were involved in this work along with our staff and proposals for change were co-created. Listening to feedback during this process, our proposals were extended to also include a review of postnatal community beds, home birth services and antenatal and postnatal community care.

This service transformation programme has followed the NHSE seven step assurance process. Our clinical case for change was approved by the South West Clinical Senate in June 2018 and a 15 week public consultation was undertaken with more than 2,480 interactions and 1,800 survey responses received. These responses were independently and academically analysed by the University of Bath.

A set of final recommendations based on the thematic outcomes of the consultations were presented to an independent Expert Panel in September 2019 prior to the completion of the Decision Making Business Case, which was approved in full by the BSW Governing Body on January 16th 2020.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 A full Integrated Impact Assessment has been undertaken and included in the Decision Making Business Case

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 This is detailed in the Decision Making Business Case. There remains a risk around securing capital funds for the creation of the Alongside Midwifery Unit at the RUH.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the CCGs decision making risk management guidance.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 The new Alongside Midwifery Unit at RUH is planned to be a sustainable building.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 None

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 More than 4,000 mums, families and staff have been involved in the engagement and consultation process.

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Background papers	The full Decision Making Business Case and associated appendices are available
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