

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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LOCAL MATERNITY SYSTEM

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to consider the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Local Maternity System Plan.
2. Representatives from the local maternity system have been invited.

Background

3. The Local Maternity System (LMS) Plan, attached as an Appendix, has been developed to deliver the:
 - National Maternity and Newborn Strategy – Better Births
 - Maternity and Newborn Health Safety Collaborative
 - Saving Babies Lives.
4. The aim is to reduce still birth, neonatal death, maternal death and brain injury by 20% by 2020 and 50% by 2025.
5. In addition, objectives include a reduction in smoking at birth to less than 6% by 2022 and a reduction in pre-term births (24-36 weeks gestation) to 6% by 2025.
6. To deliver these objectives, performance trajectories (attached) have been set by the national transformation team to assess still birth and neonatal deaths, brain injury, continuity of carer, choice, personalisation and midwife led care.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

7. The LMS is a requirement in statute and a project within the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) local footprint of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. It has an established Board and reports to both the STP Board and the National Maternity Transformation Board.
8. There has been a high level analysis of income and expenditure across the LMS footprint has identified a gap of around 10 million. An agreed plan of work has been approved by the LMS Board and NHS England to gain a greater understanding of the drivers underpinning this gap. This will report in September.
9. The LMS has funding for a project office until March 2019 and successfully won £160k to deliver Saving Babies Lives Care bundle in June 2018.
10. To deliver the Transformational plan and improve the outcomes in care for women and babies, we must change the way midwives care for women. Research shows that continuity of carer drives improvement in still birth rates. Models have been

developed nationally and these are being consulted with the workforce and women to establish team midwifery, case loading or 1 to 1 with no buddies. Joint Negotiating Consultative Committee has been informed and the Royal College of Midwives is leading the training programs to support the workforce development and pay changes.

Purpose of the Meeting

11. The HOSC is invited to note the Local Maternity System Plan which has been approved by the Transformation Board and graded green and NHSE has rated the financial plan as green and amber.

12. Members of HOSC may wish to consider:

- The public health profile of the LMS population, higher than average obesity, prematurity and smoking with lower than average initiation of breast feeding
- The lack of an end to end paperless patient record which integrates with primary care, maternity providers and the neonatal network
- The roll out of the Maternity Hubs
- The shared learning model for perinatal mortality
- The Maternity Patient Voices working in a co-production model.

Contact Points

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Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Presentation Slides
- Appendix 2 – Local Maternity System (LMS) Board Plan
- Appendix 3 – Performance Trajectories