

Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 9 on the Agenda

Maternity Services Review - Wigtownshire

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For Noting

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List of Background Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4 from IJB Transformation and Innovation/Futures Committee on 10th November 2022 Item 10 IJB Meeting on 8th December 2022 Item 10 IJB Meeting on 23rd March 2023
Appendices:	N/A

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Title: Review of Maternity Services in Wigtownshire		IJBD2203
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	1. No Direction Required		X
	2. Dumfries and Galloway Council		
	3. NHS Dumfries and Galloway		
	4. Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS		

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following discussion at the Integration Joint Board (IJB) on 8th December 2022, a direction was issued for NHS Dumfries and Galloway (NHS D&G) to undertake an independently chaired local service review of maternity services in the Wigtownshire locality; this will be inclusive of an options appraisal.
- 1.2 The engagement period for the Maternity Services review concluded at end March 2023. The purpose of the engagement period was to seek views of the public and stakeholders whilst informing and developing potential options for the future provision of Maternity services in Wigtownshire.
- 1.3 This paper details the next steps for the review, including the options appraisal exercise, consultation period and revised timeline.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The Integration Joint Board is asked to:**
- **Note the revised timeline for completion of this review**

3. Background and Main Report

- 3.1 A review of maternity services has commenced as agreed at the meeting of the IJB on 8th December. This is following the temporary suspension of low risk, intrapartum maternity services at the Galloway Community Hospital in 2018 due to staffing pressures.
- 3.2 A review group is in place and is independently chaired by two external professional leaders, Dr Crawford McGuffie, Medical Director and Jennifer Wilson Executive Nurse Director at NHS Ayrshire and Arran. They are being supported by Angela Cunningham, a professional midwifery expert.
- 3.3 A detailed programme of engagement was established to ensure involvement of a number of stakeholders throughout February and March. This was inclusive of a number of methods; face to face drop in sessions, bookable one to ones, online survey, virtual and pop up stations. The engagement participation was inconsistent with good attendance at targeted sessions; however, the public drop in/bookable 1:1 sessions were poorly attended/utilised. The online survey also attracted a good level of involvement.
- 3.4 Work is ongoing to fully analyse the results of the engagement to inform next steps.
- 3.5 As part of the options appraisal process, a professional expert reference group has been established and is inclusive of external expertise who will give a recommendation on the future model of maternity services in Wigtownshire.
- 3.6 This recommendation will be brought back to IJB for final consideration and approval before proceeding to consultation.
- 3.7 Due to a number of factors the timeline for delivery of the outcome of the review has to be revised. The new timeline for the review is as follows:

April 2023 26 April 2023	Analysis of Engagement activities Finalise data information pack available Develop full benefits/risks for each of the options Paper to IJB (extra ordinary meeting) Note revised timeline
May 2023	Develop and undertake options appraisal to identify preferred option
22 June 2023	Paper to IJB Note report from engagement period, full information pack, outcome of options appraisal (preferred option) Approve draft consultation paper and plan for formal consultation
July to September 2023	Formal Consultation on preferred option
October/November 2023	Analysis of consultation and development of final paper
December 2023	Report to IJB for final decision

3.8 The Independent Chairs are recommending that they, along with the Professional Expert Panel step down following the presentation of the preferred option to IJB in June 2023. If IJB wish for the independent chairs to remain for the consultation period, consideration will need to be given for an additional commission.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 An identified communications lead has been allocated and a programme of consultation will be established and publicised in due course.
- 4.2 The consultation period on the independent recommendation would be led locally by NHS D&G staff.

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 This review will be funded by the Women, Children’s and Sexual Health Services Directorate as previously agreed.

6. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy

- 6.1 The proposed models of care that will be considered will be cognisant of the IJB Strategic Commissioning Plan and the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

7. Legal and Risk Implications

7.1	We are unable to quantify the reputational, clinical and financial risk until the service review has been undertaken.						
8.	Consultation						
8.1	Not applicable, update for noting only on the ongoing review process.						
9.	Equality Impact Assessment						
9.1	An EQIA is in progress as part of the process.						
10.	Glossary						
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