

Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 5d1 on the Agenda

Maternity Services Review - Wigtownshire

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For Discussion & Noting

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List of Background Papers:	Appendix 1 – Item 5 from IJB Transformation and Innovation/Futures Committee on 10 th August 2023 Appendix 2 – Report paper: Independently chaired local service review of maternity services in the Wigtownshire locality Appendix 3 – Maternity services review: Data and Information pack
Appendices:	N/A

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

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 was inclusive of an options appraisal.
- 1.2 This paper is to inform of the discussion from the IJB Transformation and Futures/Innovation Committee on 10th August 2023 where it was agreed that options 1 and 2 would be recommended to the full IJB to be subject to formal consultation.

2. Recommendations

The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- **Note the completed report *Independently Chaired Local Service Review of Maternity Services Provision in Wigtownshire Locality*.**
- **Consider the recommendations of the IJB Transformation and Futures/Innovation Committee on 10th August 2023 where it was agreed that options 1 and 2 would be recommended to the full IJB to be subject to formal consultation.**
- **Provide direction to NHS D&G Board to undertake formal consultation on the two options**
- **Note the consultation timeline and accompanying data pack**

3. Background and Main Report

- 3.1 A review of maternity services commenced in January 2023 following direction from the IJB meeting on 8th December. This was following the temporary suspension of low risk, intrapartum maternity services at the Galloway Community Hospital in 2018 due to staffing pressures.
- 3.2 The IJB Transformation and Futures/Innovation Committee on 10th August 2023 were asked to consider the content of the report, the recommendation and associated conclusion. Thereafter approving the recommendation for consultation on options 1 and 2.
- 3.3 The Independent Chairs and Professional Midwifery Expert stood down following the presentation of the engagement report at the IJB Transformation and Futures/Innovation Committee on 10th August 2023. The local review team thanked them for all their contribution on behalf of the Board.
- 3.4 A formal consultation period is planned for October 2023 to December 2023. During this period there will be:
- Public consultation events
 - Consultation with community councils and elected members
 - Consultation with key stakeholders
 - Further online survey
 - Communications plan

<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>It is recognised that a robust communication plan will be required to ensure concise and clear messaging around expectations and interpretations during the consultation period and moving forward. The consultation period will include multiple methods for communicating; this will include an online survey, the use of social media, paid for press/radio adverts and scenario planning videos.</p> <p>The IJB are asked to be cognisant of the need to direct NHS D&G to deliver a sustainable and deliverable model.</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>This review has to date been funded by the WCSH directorate.</p> <p>The resource implications are yet to be fully recognised, however a financial framework with provisional costings for options will be developed following the direction for consultation being received by NHS D&G Board.</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy</p> <p>The proposals in this paper will support delivery of the following National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services, and have their dignity respected. • Health and social care services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services. • Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities • People who use health and social care services are safe from harm • People who work in health and social care services feel engaged with the work they do and are supported to continuously improve the information, support, care and treatment they provide. • Resources are used effectively and efficiently in the provision of health and social care services. <p>In addition the proposals in this paper will support delivery of the following Strategic Commissioning Intention (SCI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCI4 - People have access to the care and support they need • SCI5 - People’s care and support is safe, effective and sustainable
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p>	<p>Legal and Risk Implications</p> <p>The IJB Transformation and Futures/Innovation Committee on 10th August 2023 considered the legal and risk implications identified following the engagement and options appraisal process.</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p>Consultation</p> <p>A consultation timeline and accompanying data information pack is included within this paper.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Equality Impact Assessment</p>

9.1 A full EQIA is being developed alongside this programme of work and will support the option(s) being taken forward for consultation.

10. Glossary

EQIA	Equalities Impact Assessment
IJB	Integration Joint Board
NHS D&G	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
GCH	Galloway Community Hospital
WCSH	Women, Children and Sexual Health Services