

Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 11 on the Agenda

Maternity Services Review - Wigtownshire

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For Noting

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List of Background Papers:	Item 5 - IJB Transformation and Innovation/Futures Committee on 10th August 2023 Item 5d1 – IJB Full Committee on 27th September 2023
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Communication, Engagement and Consultation Plan Appendix 2 – Maternity Services Consultation document Appendix 3 – Fact sheet for consultation

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Title:		Reference Number:	
	Maternity Services in Wigtownshire		IJBD2304	
	Direction to:			
	1. No Direction Required			
	2. Dumfries and Galloway Council			
	3. NHS Dumfries and Galloway			
4. Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway				

<p>1.</p> <p>1.1</p> <p>1.2</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Following discussion at the Integration Joint Board (IJB) on 27th September 2023, a direction was issued for NHS Dumfries and Galloway (NHS D&G) to undertake formal consultation on two options for Maternity Services in Wigtownshire following an extensive engagement period earlier in the year; this was inclusive of an options appraisal.</p> <p>This paper is to inform of the progress made on the consultation process and provide an update on the anticipated timeline.</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>2.1</p>	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Integration Joint Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the timeline for consultation and necessary governance routes • Note the consultation materials provided with this report
<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p>Background and Main Report</p> <p>A review of maternity services commenced in January 2023 following direction from the IJB meeting on 8th December 2022. This was following the temporary suspension of low risk, intrapartum maternity services at the Galloway Community Hospital in 2018 due to staffing pressures.</p> <p>A formal consultation period was planned for October 2023 to December 2023, however, this was delayed due to resource and the development of consultation materials in conjunction with stakeholders.</p> <p>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 an animation.</p> <p>The consultation period went live on Monday 20th November 2023, for a minimum of 12 weeks with an end date of 11th February 2024. The output of the consultation period will then be developed and presented to the NHS Board and necessary committees for consideration and governance purposes with a view to presenting the final output to IJB Strategic Planning Delivery and Commissioning Committee in April 2024, followed by full IJB in June 2024.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>This paper sets out the work so far in relation to the consultation phase of this review. All consultation information, including the animation can be found at:</p> <p>Wigtownshire maternity consultation – Dumfries & Galloway Health & Social Care (dghscp.co.uk)</p> <p>The IJB are asked to be cognisant of the media attention received to date.</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>This review has to date been funded by the WC&SH directorate.</p>

5.2 Sleeping Giants were commissioned to contribute to the development of the consultation materials and will conduct the analysis of the feedback received during the consultation period. The cost associated with this commission is £2,680 plus VAT.

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

6.1 The proposals in this paper will support delivery of the following National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes:

- 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.

6.2 In addition the proposals in this paper will support delivery of the following Strategic Commissioning Intention (SCI):

- SCI4 - People have access to the care and support they need
- SCI5 - People’s care and support is safe, effective and sustainable

7. Legal and Risk Implications

7.1 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.

8. Consultation

8.1 A consultation timeline and accompanying materials are included within this paper.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

9.1 A full EQIA has been developed for each option being taken forward for consultation.

10. Glossary

EQIA	Equalities Impact Assessment
IJB	Integration Joint Board
SCI	Strategic Commissioning Intention
WC&SH	Women, Children and Sexual Health Services