

Reconfiguration Programme – Question From Member of the Public

Trust Board paper J

Purpose of report:

This paper is for:	Description	Select (X)
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Discussion	To discuss, in depth, a report noting its implications without formally approving a recommendation or action	
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Executive Summary

INTRODUCTION

Members of the Public are invited to submit questions to the Trust Board. The question set out below was received after the deadline for submissions to the Reconfiguration Trust Board on 4 February 2021. The question and response is set out below for information.

QUESTION

My question refers to Maternity Reconfiguration. In reply to a question by a member of the public at the 16th December 2020: City Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission UHL stated the following:

“If the consultation shows that there is support for the Midwifery Led Unit at Leicester General Hospital then we are fully committed to developing this service and making it work, as we believe that it is a good option for mums. If the proposal is implemented and the centre is open, a review body would be established comprising of midwives, parents and other stakeholders who will co-produce the service with UHL.”

Can you explain what criteria will be used to:

- a) To show that there is support for closure of the Birth Centre at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray?**
- b) To show support for a Free Standing Midwifery Led Unit at Leicester General Hospital and**
- c) How will the parents and other stakeholders who will co-produce the service with UHL be selected? Also can you please define stakeholders and explain how the public will be involved in co-production.**

RESPONSE

Everything that people have shared with us during the 12 week consultation period, whether at events or through completed hard copy and online questionnaires and correspondence is now being independently analysed and evaluated by Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit. The Report of Findings will outline the answers given to the specific questions asked during the consultation.

The final Consultation Report of Findings will be received by the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The CCGs will take time to consider and understand the findings prior to final decisions being made on the proposals and the approval of a Decision Making Business Case.

The Decision Making Business Case will take account and respond to the feedback and issues raised in the Report of Findings. This will include a decision on the future location of the standalone Midwifery Led Unit which will be based on clinical safety, affordability, accessibility.

The three CCG governing bodies will make their decision based on the Report of Findings in a public meeting. We will announce the date of this meeting as soon as practically possible. The papers for this meeting will be publicly available and the meeting date will be promoted so people have an opportunity to attend and hear the discussions. All decisions taken will also be made public after the governing board meetings.

If the consultation shows through the Report of Findings support for a standalone Midwifery Led Unit at Leicester General Hospital and the proposal is implemented and the centre is open, a review body would be established comprising of midwives, parents and other stakeholders who will co-produce the service with UHL. At this early stage the full details of recruitment to this group and their Terms of Reference are yet to be defined and will take account of ideas shared during the consultation. However, we would expect stakeholders involved to comprise of people and organisations who represent the diverse socio-demographics of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland including the vulnerable and those with protected characteristics.

The end of the consultation and the approval of the Decision Making Business Case would mark the start of ongoing engagement with the public on the implementation of proposals.