



BSW Local Maternity System
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In response to the Consultation regarding Wiltshire Children's Centres the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Local Maternity System Programme Board (BSW LMS) would like to raise the following point for Consideration in the Consultation.

1. We understand the rationale for the proposals and see this as an opportunity to bring together the early years and maternity workstreams to benefit local mums, babies and families.
2. What plans does the consultation team have to be involved in Better Births- Five Years Forward plan ambition for community hubs with collocated services including early years services? Better Births (2016) clearly articulates this vision and with current limited access to venues that might be developed as community hubs it is felt to be important that this is considered before making any decisions.
3. We feel that there may been insufficient time to consult with stakeholders to decide if any of the locations can be used as potential community hubs. We are planning a multi- agency workshop in April to continue these discussions at pace.
4. We would like to ask if you have considered the impact on maternity service provision as part of consultation and identified opportunities for joint collaborative working from pre conception to improve experience and outcomes. Midwives in some of the proposed locations for closure including Cricklade currently undertake midwifery care in these locations which enhances integrated working between early year's team settings and maternity services.

Yours sincerely
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On behalf of the BSW Local Maternity System Programme Board.

