

Transforming Maternity Services Together



Our proposal for change



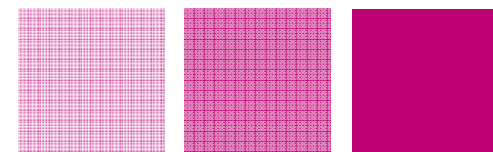
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Our journey so far

- Over 18 months we have engaged with over 2,000 women and families and staff about maternity services
- National guidance such as 'Better Births', has also shaped our proposal
- Partner organisations include:
 - Royal United Hospital, Bath
 - Great Western Hospital Trust, Swindon
 - Salisbury District Hospital
 - B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups



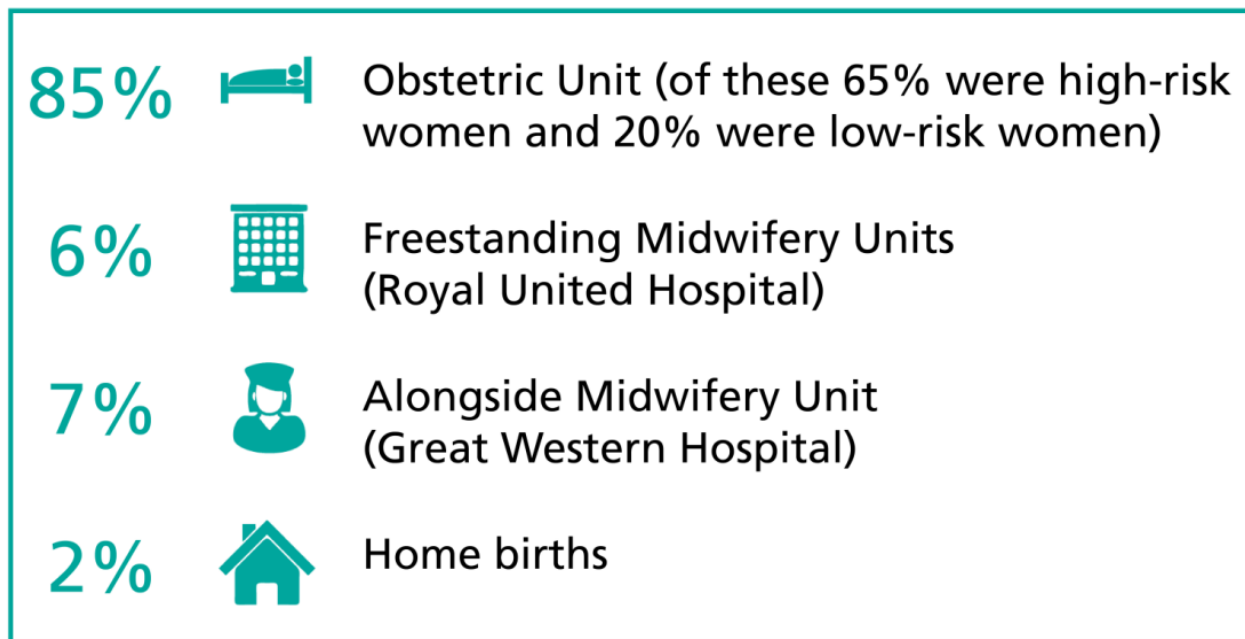
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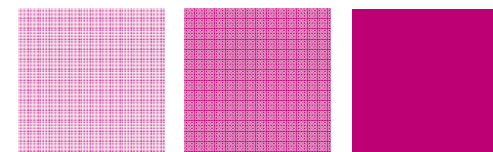
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11,200 births across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire annually of which:



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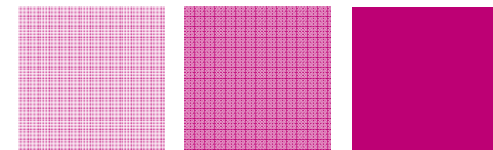


The clinical challenges

- The average age of women giving birth is getting older
- More and more high risk pregnancies (e.g. high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity) which need medical support in a hospital setting
- Increasing pressure on services in our obstetric units at Royal United Hospital and Salisbury District Hospital



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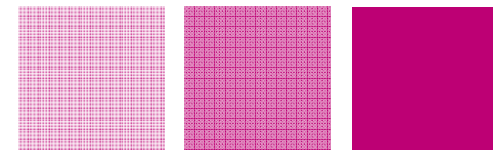


The challenges for services

- Our Freestanding Midwifery Units (FMU) are underused, but have to be staffed 24/7
- 50% of first time mothers transfer from the FMU to the Obstetric Unit for extra medical support
- Staff have to be moved around at short notice and don't have enough time to promote/support home births – this means less choice for women and their families
- Community post-natal beds are also underused, but take up staff time and costs



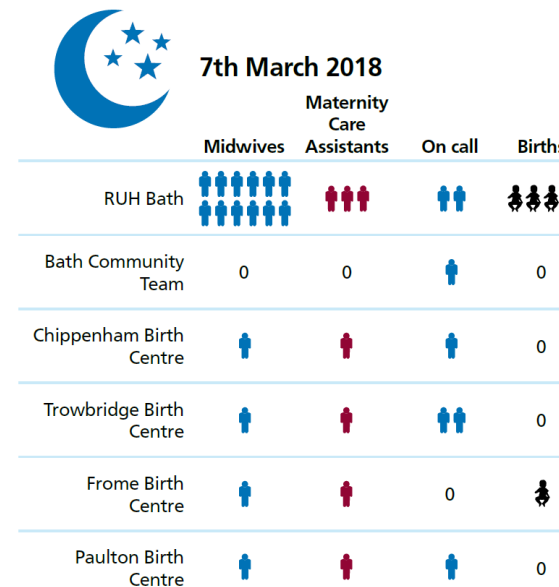
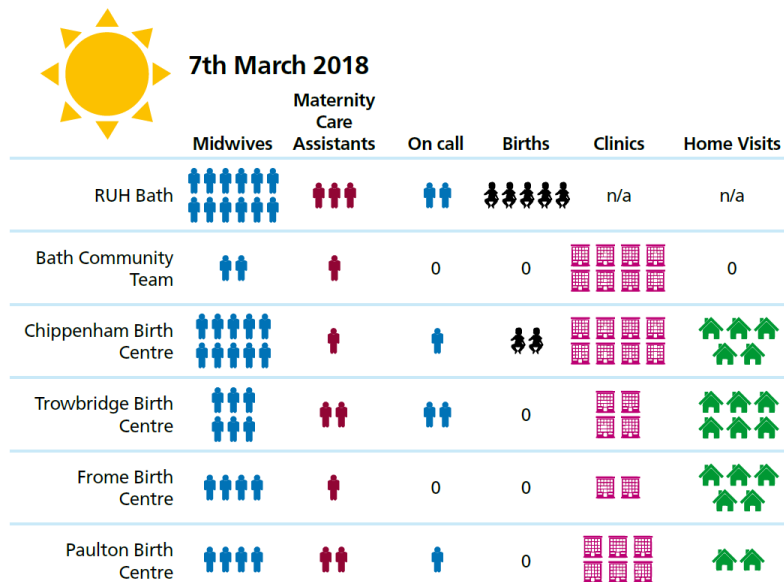
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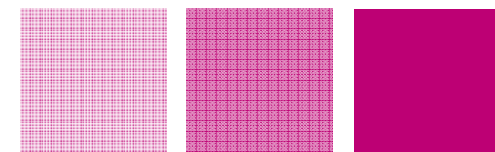
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7th September 2017

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RUH Bath	10	3	2	10	n/a	n/a
Bath Community Team	1	1	0	0	4	0
Chippenham Birth Centre	8	2	1	0	4	4
Trowbridge Birth Centre	5	1	2	0	2	3
Frome Birth Centre	4	1	1	0	2	4
Paulton Birth Centre	5	1	1	1	2	2

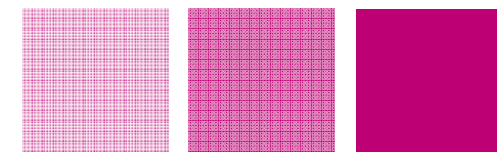


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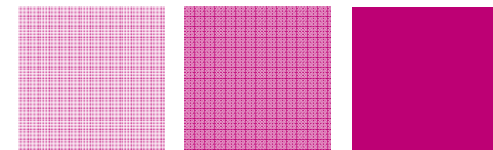


Post-natal community hospital beds

- 9 Post natal beds available in the community:
 5 in Paulton  4 in Chippenham
- Originally intended to provide breastfeeding support only
- Between January and December 2017, they were empty 95% of the year



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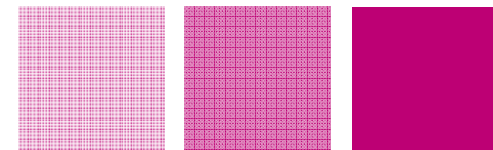


Our proposal **1**

- Continue supporting births in 2, rather than 4 Community hospital units
- Women will be able to deliver their baby at Chippenham or Frome
- Antenatal and postnatal clinics will continue at Chippenham, Trowbridge, Frome and Paulton
- Trowbridge and Paulton proposed as pilot sites for our new community hub model of care
- Detailed analysis to support decision to continue to support births at Chippenham and Frome

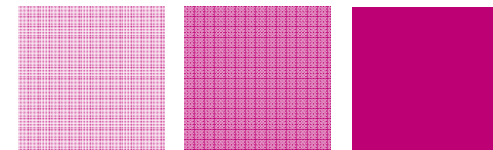


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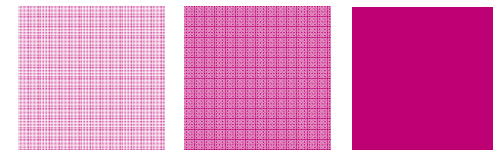
Travel impact assessment

- An independent organisation has reviewed the impact of the proposed changes on patient travel times
- They considered both detailed population statistics AND service usage based on previous years' maternity activity
- 83% of women of childbearing age currently live within 30 minutes of a place to give birth, based on travelling at peak times. This changes to 82% if only Chippenham and Frome continue to support births



Our proposal **2 & 3**

- Create **two new Alongside Midwifery Units**, one at **Royal United Hospital Bath** and one at **Salisbury District Hospital**
- Will provide more women with opportunity for midwife-led birth. Two new units will be in addition to the Alongside Midwifery Unit at Great Western Hospital
- Allows women easy access to obstetric unit if required, without the need for an ambulance transfer



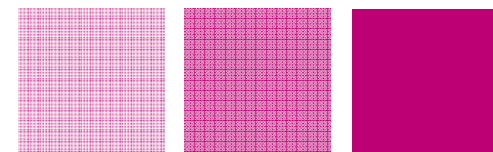
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- Improve our range of antenatal and postnatal services, e.g. more breastfeeding support, to women in their own homes, and to develop community hubs to enhance our antenatal and postnatal care
- Support more women to give birth at home if that is their preferred choice



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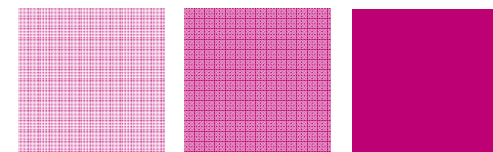
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- We're proposing to **replace our community postnatal beds at Chippenham and Paulton** with support closer to or in women's homes.
- Women who need to be admitted for medical treatment after giving birth would continue to be treated at their local obstetric unit



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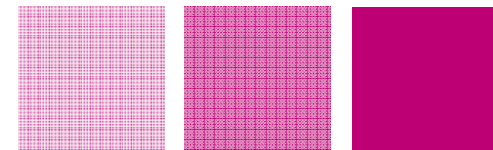


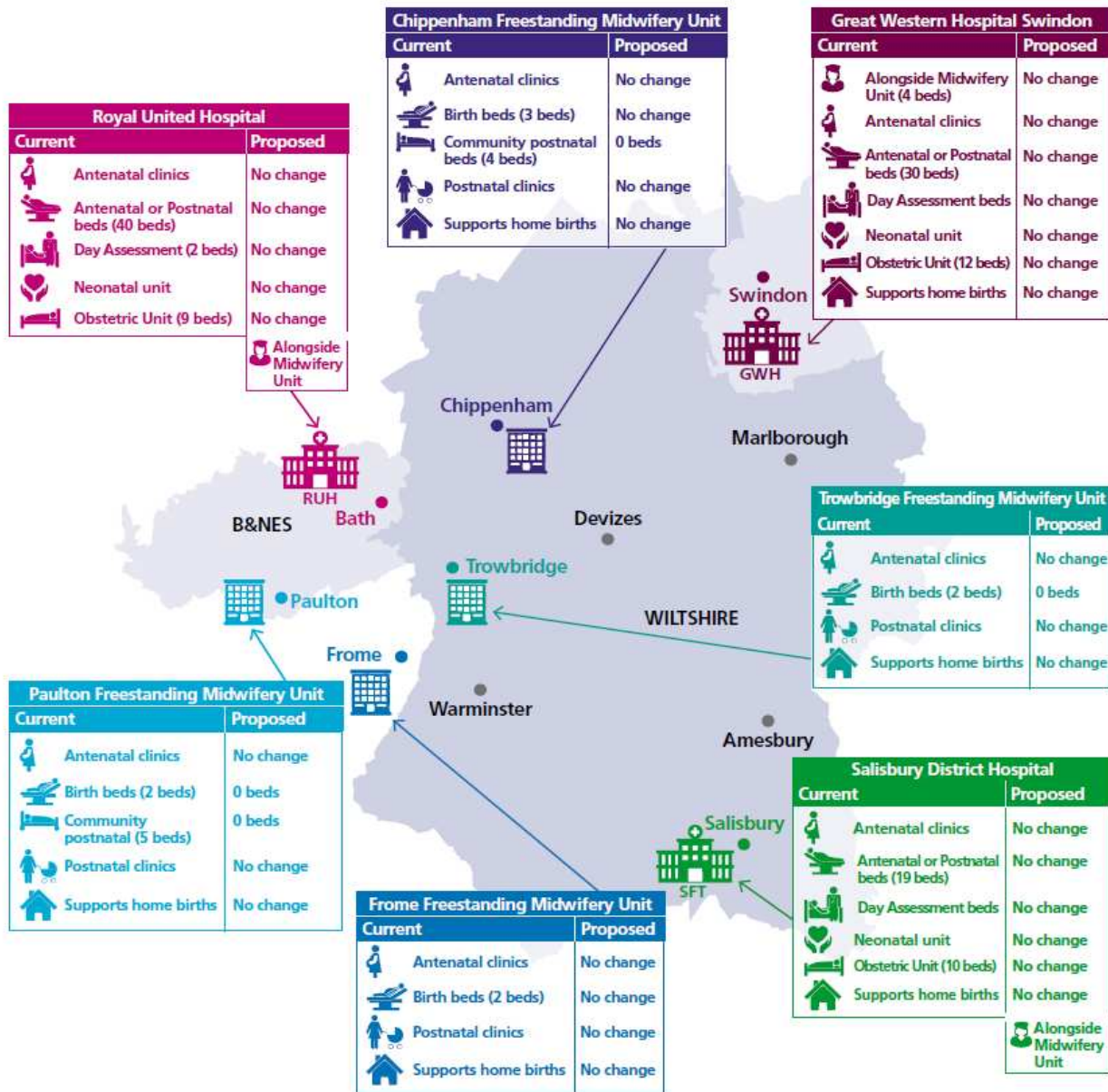
Benefits of our proposal

- We can provide **more choice** for more women across our area about where and how they are supported **before, during and after the birth of their child**
- We can make **better use of our resources and workforce** so we can further improve our antenatal and postnatal and birth services
- We can **improve continuity of care and carer** for women
- We can **improve our home birth service**

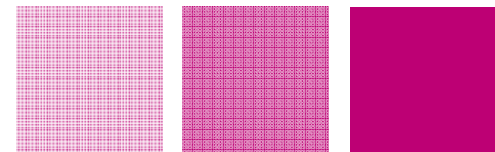


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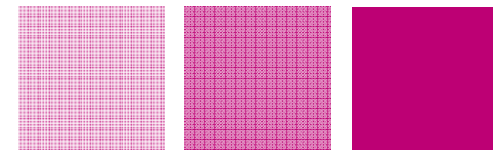


Future finances

- We are **NOT** planning to **reduce how much we spend** on maternity services
- We are **NOT** **reducing the numbers of staff** we have
- We are **NOT** **closing any buildings**
- We want to make more efficient use of our existing budget, resources and our staff to provide more services, not less for women and families across our area.
- Some of the changes we are proposing are because certain services are underused and we are often staffing empty buildings and empty beds



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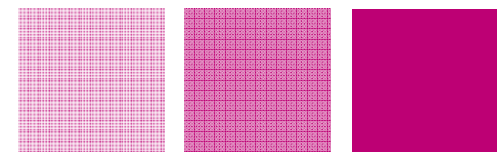
If we don't change ...

- There will continue to be a difference in choice, quality and access across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire
- Miss out on: meeting recommendations and best practice set out in national guidance, improved continuity of care and carer, improved birth place environment, improved support for breastfeeding

We won't be providing the changes that women and families and our staff have told us they want us to make



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We want to hear your views



- Consultation runs from 12 November to 24 February 2019
- Information on our website:
www.transformingmaternity.org.uk
including dates of public meetings
- Consultation documents, key facts documents, response forms



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