

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

12 September 2013

Subject: Temporary Transfer of Deliveries at Trowbridge Birthing Centre

Executive Summary

The report provides an update on the Temporary Transfer of Deliveries at Trowbridge Birthing Centre.

Proposal(s)

It is recommended that the Board:

- i. Considers the Briefing Paper (Appendix 1) and addresses any questions arising to the Chief Executive of Great Western Hospitals.

Reason for Proposal

The briefing on the temporary transfer of deliveries at Trowbridge Birthing Centre has been provided as an opportunity to update the Board on developments and address any outstanding concerns. It follows a meeting between the Leader of Wiltshire Council and Great Western Hospitals Foundation Trust.

**Nerissa Vaughan
Great Western Hospitals
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Purpose of Report

1. To provide a briefing on the temporary transfer of deliveries at Trowbridge Birthing Centre.

Background

2. On 5th July 2013 Great Western Hospital, the provider of community maternity services in Wiltshire notified the Council and other partners of its decision to temporarily close Trowbridge Birthing Centre.
3. The Leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Scott, recently met with both Stephen Rowlands, Chair of Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Nerissa Vaughan, Chief Executive of Great Western Hospitals (GWH) to discuss the situation.
4. Cllr Scott received confirmation from GWH that this closure is temporary - with the services at Trowbridge to reopen on 30th September – and was further assured that robust plans are in place to ensure this happens.
5. Great Western Hospitals were asked to provide an update on their progress towards reopening at the next Health and Wellbeing Board scheduled for 12th September. Accordingly, a full briefing from Great Western Hospitals is attached at Appendix 1.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Briefing on the Temporary transfer of deliveries at Trowbridge Birthing Centre.