

Agenda Item No 9a

From the Minister of State
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Dear Mr Thomson,

Changes to Maternity Service Provision in Kennet & North Wiltshire

Thank you for your letter, also signed by Paula Winchcombe and Janet Relfe, dated 15 October submitting your report on the proposals for changes to maternity services provision in Kennet & North Wiltshire.

I am writing to inform you that Kennet & North Wiltshire and West Wiltshire PCTs have concluded that it would be inappropriate to implement any decision on maternity services without a full and thorough review of community services. This will be undertaken over the next 12 months, and will determine the actions required to deliver modern, clinically appropriate services for their population.

The County Council, along with other stakeholders will of course be involved in this review, which I hope is constructive in finding an appropriate way forward.

Yours sincerely
John Hutton

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Cc: Trevor Jones, Chief Executive, Avon, Gloucester and Wiltshire SHA.