

**NHS DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP  
GOVERNING BODY MEETING  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH INVITED REVIEW OF  
MATERNITY AND PAEDIATRIC SERVICES IN DORSET**

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| <b>Date of the meeting</b>              | 18/05/2016   |
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| <b>Sponsoring GB member</b>             | K Kirkham, GP Chair Maternity and Family Health CDG  |
| <b>Purpose of Report</b>                | On 12 April 2016 The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health published the invited review of Maternity and Paediatrics services in Dorset that included recommendations to improve safety, quality and sustainability of services. |
| <b>Recommendation</b>                   | The Governing Body is asked to <b>note</b> and support the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health invited review recommendations.   |
| <b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>           | Summarise engagement with members, clinicians, staff, patients & public.   |
| <b>Previous GB / Committee/s, Dates</b> | N/A  |

**Monitoring and Assurance Summary**

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| <b>This report links to the following Strategic Principles</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services designed around people</li> <li>• Preventing ill health and reducing inequalities</li> <li>• Sustainable healthcare services</li> <li>• Care closer to home</li> </ul> |                                |           |
|  | <b>Yes</b><br>[e.g. ✓]   | <b>Any action required?</b>    |           |
|  |  | <b>Yes</b><br>Detail in report | <b>No</b> |
| All three Domains of Quality (Safety, Quality, Patient Experience) | ✓  | ✓                              |           |
| Board Assurance Framework Risk Register                            | ✓  |                                | ✓         |
| Budgetary Impact   | ✓  |                                | ✓         |
| Legal/Regulatory   | ✓  |                                | ✓         |
| People/Staff   | ✓  | ✓                              |           |
| Financial/Value for Money/Sustainability                           | ✓  | ✓                              |           |
| Information Management & Technology                                | ✓  | ✓                              |           |
| Equality Impact Assessment   | ✓  |                                | ✓         |
| Freedom of Information   | ✓  |                                | ✓         |

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| <b>I confirm that I have considered the implications of this report on each of the matters above, as indicated</b> | ✓ |  |  |
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Initials : JB

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the ongoing Clinical Services Review (CSR), in August 2015 NHS Dorset CCG commissioned The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) to conduct an evaluation of maternity and children's services in Dorset, as attached on Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The review took place between October and December 2015 by the RCPCH supported by the local acute hospitals to provide an independent view of health services for mothers and children living in and around the county, along with an independent review of the two proposed options for the maternity and children's services.
- 1.3 The review team comprised medical, nursing and midwifery expertise and a service user representative. They considered the quality, safety and sustainability of the proposals for how care could be provided in Dorset, while taking into account Dorset's geography and issues around appropriate access to services.
- 1.4 The review team examined various documents, data and reports as well as speaking to staff, clinicians, patients and families involved in the delivery and those in receipt of care from services at Bournemouth, Poole, Dorchester and Yeovil Hospitals.

## 2. Findings

- 2.1 The team acknowledged many good working practices across the county, with a highly committed workforce which is providing excellent care in many areas, but some significant concerns were identified.
- 2.2 These concerns are:
  - All paediatric units failed on at least one "Facing the Future" paediatric service standard,
  - There was a high level of activity and significant staffing gaps in Poole,
  - All units were under-resourced for children's community nursing,
  - Uptake of midwife led care was low and birth was over medicalised in some cases,
  - Insufficient activity to support the complexity of neonatal care provided at DCH,
  - Poor physical environment at the labour ward at Poole.
- 2.3 The review set out recommendations to improve safety, quality and sustainability of services now and in the future. The eleven recommendations are set out on page 41 of the report with three requiring urgent attention. It is acknowledged that the recommendations involving major reconfiguration are likely to be implemented over the next 5-10years.

## 3. Report

### All three domains of Quality (Safety, Quality, Patient Experience)

- 3.1 The report explores a number of recommendations to ensure safe, quality and sustainable services. These include hospitals working closer together for the benefit of local children, parents and women been given the choice of normal births, midwifery led care and care being delivered closer to their homes.

### Financial / Value for Money / Sustainability

- 3.2 The review recommendations support sustainable health services for the future.

## 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Governing Body is asked to note and support the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health review recommendations.
- 4.2 The Maternity and Family Health CDG are already working with the providers and our commissioning colleagues as required on the three urgent recommendations as set out on page 42.
- 4.3 A proposed implementation plan is being developed. This will set out timescales for the delivery of the recommendations which will be presented at the next governing body meeting in July.

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| <b>APPENDICES</b> |  |
| <b>Appendix 1</b> | <b>RCPCH Invited Reviews Programme – Design Review</b> |