

Maternity Pathways post Reconfiguration

Community Midwifery Service

The established community midwifery service would act as the first point of contact and coordinate a pregnant woman's care from booking to post natal transfer to health visiting service.

The community midwife would be the contact point and coordinate care for the women, signposting the women to the most appropriate care pathways for her individual needs.

The woman will be able to contact her community midwife with concerns/queries for telephone advice and triage. Advice may include attendance to primary care, maternity assessment unit, deliver suite or community clinic visit.

All the existing community midwifery venues/clinics would be maintained for routine ante and post natal care with the option of home visits for clinical/social reasons.

Strong links with Primary Care already in place would be continued. It is likely that mothers would choose their place of delivery based on input and advice from primary care and community midwifery services.

Maternity Assessment Units

There will be access to Maternity Assessment Units across three main hospital sites.

Examples of concerns/conditions (not limited to) that may require attendance to Maternity Assessment Unit:

- Identified raised blood pressure requiring enhanced monitoring
- Additional monitoring of fetal heart (CTG) and well being
- Postnatal concerns

For the safety of mothers and babies, the Maternity Assessment Units **will not** see women who suspected that they are or are in labour.

The opening hours of the assessment unit will be extended to 7 days per week on Worcestershire Royal Hospital site and Monday to Friday at Alexandra Hospital and Kidderminster Treatment Centre.

Intrapartum Care

The options for intrapartum care will be:

Home Birth

Along- side Midwifery led unit on Worcestershire Royal Hospital site

Consultant led Delivery Suite on Worcestershire Royal Hospital site.

The midwifery led unit will have the capacity for 1,000 births per annum and consultant delivery suite has capacity for 5,000 births.

There is currently 72hours of consultant labour ward presence on Worcestershire Royal Hospital site. Safer Childbirth (2007) recommended standard for 5-6,000 births is the provision of 98hours of consultant presence.

Following the emergency centralisation of maternity and neonatal services at Worcestershire Royal Hospital (for safety reasons), there has been a small increase in the number of women choosing to give birth outside the county, approximately 20 per month. It is therefore expected that the Trust will retain 5,500 births per year.

The experience from the emergency centralisation suggests that Maternity Assessment Units at Alexandra Hospital and Kidderminster Treatment Centre need to be operational during normal working hours only when there is full access to medical cover.

Maternity services provision envisaged post reconfiguration

The services that will be available for mothers in Worcestershire for maternity care:

Service	Venues						
	Worcestershire Royal Hospital	Alexandra Hospital	Kidderminster Treatment Centre	Princess of Wales Community Hospital	Community Clinics	Warwickshire Hospital	BWH
Consultant Antenatal clinic	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pregnancy Scanning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Midwife Clinics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Run by local midwifery team	Run by local midwifery team
Parent Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Run by local midwifery team	Run by local midwifery team
Maternity Assessment Unit	✓ 7 day service	✓ 5 day service	✓ 5 day service				
Consultant Led delivery suite	✓ 98 hours consultant cover if over 5,000 births	No	No			Yes Assume 200 deliveries move from Worcester shire	Yes, Assume 50 deliveries move from Worcester hire
Along-side Midwifery Led Unit	✓						
Postnatal care after discharge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Home birth service	✓	✓	✓				