

## Future of Acute Hospital Services Worcestershire

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### **West Midlands Clinical Senate approves the clinical model for acute hospital services in Worcestershire**

The West Midlands Clinical Senate (WMCS) has approved the clinical model for acute hospital services in Worcestershire put forward by the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Programme Board.

The main proposed changes to services in the proposed clinical model of care are:

- Separation of emergency and planned care to improve outcomes and patient experience
- Creation of centres of excellence for planned surgery
- Urgent care centre for adults and children at the Alexandra Hospital
- A&E remaining at the Alexandra Hospital (adult only) with robust arrangements for managing a seriously sick child if they arrive unexpectedly or their condition deteriorates and they need an inpatient stay in hospital
- Centralisation of inpatient care for children at Worcester with the majority of children's care remaining local
- Centralisation of consultant-led births at Worcester with ante-natal and post-natal care remaining local
- Centralisation of emergency surgery
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The model will now be subject to assurance by NHS England before it is put to public consultation later this year.

The FOAHSW Programme Board has welcomed the findings of the West Midlands Clinical Senate.

Jo Newton, the independent chair of the Programme Board said: "We are pleased that the West Midlands Clinical Senate has confirmed that the clinical model which has been developed by clinicians from across Worcestershire has been accepted as being clinically safe and sustainable. Their support enables us to move to the next stage of the process.

The full West Midlands Clinical Senate Report can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

### **Notes to Editors**

The West Midlands Clinical Senate Report will be published on the WMCS and the three Worcestershire CCG websites at details

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