

# **Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Stakeholder Brief**

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## **1. Clinical Model**

Work on the clinical model has been completed and the model will be presented to the three Governing Bodies and the Acute Trust Board in January for approval before it can be submitted to the West Midlands Clinical Senate and NHS England for assurance. In response to concerns by the Senate, the Programme Board established an Emergency Care Redesign Group under the chairmanship of Dr Kiran Patel, medical director of NHS England West Midlands, with representatives from CCGs, the acute trust and ambulance trust. All hospital consultants and GPs were given the opportunity to engage and comment on the model and their comments have shaped the final ED model. A further group was established under the chairmanship of Mr Martin Lee, secondary care doctor for both NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest CCGs, to ensure the paediatric part of the model addressed the senate's concerns on emergency care for children. The Programme Board believes it has now addressed all the concerns of the West Midlands Clinical Senate.

## **2. Safety of clinical services**

The Programme Board monitors the ongoing safety of clinical services through its Quality and Service Sustainability sub group. The group has identified trigger points, including staffing levels, which would lead to recommendations to the statutory bodies (the CCGs and acute trust) to make changes to services. The Programme Board supports the temporary move of maternity and neonatal services from the Alexandra Hospital to Worcestershire Royal Hospital due to patient safety concerns. Members heard that since the temporary emergency change to maternity services on November 5th that more than 130 women who were originally booked to give birth at the Alexandra have delivered at WRH. No Redditch mothers have had to be transferred out of Worcestershire due to capacity problems although a very small number have chosen to give birth in other NHS hospitals. The feedback from mothers who have given birth at WRH has been very positive. The Programme Board receives reports on the quality of maternity services being delivered, at its regular meetings, and there is a commitment from all members of the Programme Board that the move is temporary and no permanent change would be made before a full public consultation takes place.

## **3. Public Consultation**

The Programme Board is committed to putting the clinical model out for public consultation and to listening to the views of patients and the public before any formal decisions are made on the future of acute hospital services in Worcestershire.