

REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 2 July 2015

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM** - Maternity and Interconnected Services from Ealing Hospital

Responsible Officer: Javina Sehgal, Chief Operating Officer, Harrow CCG

Public: Yes

Wards affected: All.

Enclosures: Agreed Transition of Maternity and Interdependent Services from Ealing Hospital

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This is a report for information purposes only.

In February 2013 the Joint Committee of PCTs agreed to proceed with the Shaping a Healthier Future proposals. This included the consolidation of maternity units in North West London from 7 to 6 leading to the closure of Ealing Hospital Maternity Unit.

In October 2013, the Secretary of State endorsed these plans, although no decision was made on the timing of the transition of maternity services. In late 2013 Ealing Hospital raised concerns to the Medical Director of NHS England (London region) regarding the issue of a reduction in deliveries for the Trust and the risk this posed to the quality of care.

In response to the concerns raised by Ealing Hospital, on 19th March 2014, Ealing CCG Governing Body made a decision to invest in contingency plans for the transition of maternity and neonatal services from Ealing Hospital by 2015.

Ealing CCG Governing Body met again to discuss the issue in October 2014 and agreed to plan for the implementation and assurance of these changes. The Governing Body considered the initial outputs of the first phase of assurance at its meeting in March 2015 and agreed that further work was required.

Ealing Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Governing Body met on 20 May 2015 and set a date for the transition of maternity activity from Ealing Hospital.

Section 2 – Report

Financial Implications/Comments

None specified

Legal Implications/Comments

None specified

Risk Management Implications

Please see accompanying paper for further information.

Equalities implications

A full EQIA was undertaken for the decision by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts.

This work was included in the original Shaping a Healthier Future Decision Making Business Case which is available online for public review.

Corporate Priorities

The Shaping a Healthier Future Programme supports all of Harrow CCGs corporate priorities.

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None.