

TOWN CLERK BRIEFING NOTE

40 FIT FOR THE FUTURE

At the last Public Services Committee meeting Cllr Glazier advised that additional options for the future of maternity services in the area had emerged. Consequently, it was decided to seek information about these before submitting the Council's response to the consultation (deadline: 27 July).

East Sussex Downs and Weald & Hastings and Rother PCTs have established a New Options Assessment Panel to investigate emerging options and determine whether they are 'deliverable'.

Options Summary

Option 1 Consultant-led maternity unit, specialist baby care and inpatient gynaecology at Eastbourne; no unit at Hastings; midwife-led birthing centre at Crowborough.

Put forward by: East Sussex Downs & Weald and Hastings & Rother PCTs

Option 2 Consultant-led maternity unit, specialist baby care and inpatient gynaecology at Hastings; no unit at Eastbourne; midwife-led birthing centre at Crowborough.

Put forward by: East Sussex Downs & Weald and Hastings & Rother PCTs

Option 3 Consultant-led maternity unit, specialist baby care and inpatient gynaecology at Eastbourne; midwife-led birthing centre at Hastings and Crowborough

Put forward by: East Sussex Downs & Weald and Hastings & Rother PCTs

Option 4 Consultant-led maternity unit, specialist baby care and inpatient gynaecology at Hastings; midwife-led birthing centre at Eastbourne and Crowborough

Put forward by: East Sussex Downs & Weald and Hastings & Rother PCTs

Option 5 Hospital A – consultant delivered medium risk maternity unit

- maternity day unit
- special care bay unit (level 1)
- emergency gynaecology and early pregnancy service
- major gynaecological surgery

Hospital B - consultant delivered medium risk maternity unit

- maternity day unit
- special care bay unit (level 1)
- emergency gynaecology and early pregnancy service
- elective investigation centre and day surgery

Brighton – fully integrated regional centre for sub-specialist services in women's health and neonatal intensive care

- all high risk maternity and potential deliveries requiring neonatal intensive care
- tertiary elective obstetric and gynaecology services – foetal medicine, cancer, assisted conception, complex and radical pelvic and laparoscopic

Crowborough – midwife-led birthing centre

Community gynaecology – elective community benign gynaecology services (areas A and B)

Note: Option 5 has two variations a) and b) – but I have been unable to find any details about them.

Put forward by: Hands Off the Conquest and Save the DGH (Eastbourne)

Options 6-7 Consultant-led services on single site at either Hastings or Eastbourne with a midwife-led unit at a non-hospital location between Hastings and Eastbourne.

Put forward by: a group of local obstetricians and gynaecologists

Options 8-9 Suggestion that existing models of care in Barnstaple and North Lincs should be explored.

Put forward by: local Maternity Services Liaison Committee (user group)

Options 10-11 Develop a midwife-led service on the same site as a single consultant-led service (Hastings or Eastbourne) in addition to a midwife-led service on the non-consultant site.

Put forward by: member of the public

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