

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Maternity Services</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>5 November 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

1.1 The paper highlights a range of issues identified as of interest to the HWOSC and is intended to provide assurances on the following areas, in particular:

- 1 Home births
- 2 C –sections
- 3 Implications of activity transferring due to the temporary closure at Eastbourne
- 4 Patient and user engagement

### 2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That HWOSC members note and comment on the information, asking for updates as necessary.

### 3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Maternity Services in Brighton and Hove are provided by Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Trust (BSUH). There is an Obstetric Led Unit (OLU) at the Royal Sussex County Hospital site (RSCH). Women can also choose to have a home birth and locally these currently account for about 5% of births. In 2012/13 there were a total of 3,366 deliveries in Brighton and Hove.

3.2 BSUH closely monitor the performance of all their maternity services; details of performance can be found in **Appendix One**. Performance is reported to have improved steadily in the last two years.

3.3 There are three Trusts across Sussex providing maternity services across eight locations; more information on all of these can be found in **Appendix One**.

3.4 The Eastbourne Unit has been temporarily closed, and plans developed to accommodate patients at BSUH instead. This is closely monitored to ensure that there is adequate provision.

### 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

4.1 There is a user – led Maternity Service Liaison Committee (MSLC) funded by the CCG. It works closely with local parents, maternity staff and commissioners to ensure that

there is continuous feedback and dialogue about maternity services. There are also a number of mechanisms to collect patient feedback.

- 4.2 Maternity is an area where user feedback and engagement works really well and provides a rich source of intelligence that is constantly fed in to the system, providing dialogue.

## **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None to this cover report.

### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 None to this cover report.

### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None to this cover report.

### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None to this cover report.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Maternity Services in Brighton and Hove, CCG report
- 2.