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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 10 June 2016, with regards to the Liverpool Women's Hospital, homebirths and our Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP).

Request/**Response**

1. How has the CCG considered each aspect of the Women's Hospital i.e.

- maternity including services for women giving birth at home
- fertility
- gynaecology
- specialist cancer
- neo natal and the need for colocation with maternity
- the emergency room
- genetics

***NHS Liverpool CCG (LCCG), under the umbrella of the Healthy Liverpool Programme, is leading a review of women's and neonatal services in the city; to identify options and ultimately a proposed solution that will deliver the best care for women in a way that is clinically and financially sustainable. The CCG***

***is considering each aspect of the services provided by Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust (LWH) as detailed above.***

2. Re. Homebirths in the CCG area the following information:

2.1 What are the scale and nature of the homebirth contracts in the CCG area, i.e. breakdown of providers, where and size of contracts?

***LCCG do not have a specific contract for home births. We have two providers who deliver maternity care and some women choose to have home births. Both of the providers detailed below facilitate this options if it is clinically safe to do so:***

- 1. Liverpool Women's Hospital, and***
- 2. One to One (North West) Ltd.***

***National Tariff is paid to both providers for all deliveries.***

***Home births are reimbursed at the same rate as a normal delivery without complications. For 2015/16 the National Tariff price per delivery was £1,618 (excl. MFF)***

***MFF is 'Market Forces Factor' which is an increase to the tariff depending on the provider's location.***

2.2 How are the outcomes of home births measured and published?

**LWH reported a total of 5,472 deliveries for Liverpool CCG patients in the financial year 2015/16 (home births are a small proportion of this). We do not collect information specific to home births from the Liverpool Women's Hospital. You will need to contact them directly on the email address below to request this information:**

**[FOI@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@lwh.nhs.uk)**

**One to One reported a total of 68 deliveries for Liverpool CCG patients in the same period. One to One publish their total deliveries as part of their Quality Accounts on their website. I have attached the link below for your ease of reference:**

**[http://www.onetoonemidwives.org/Midwifery Quality Account Report 2015/midwifery-quality-account-2015](http://www.onetoonemidwives.org/Midwifery%20Quality%20Account%20Report%202015/midwifery-quality-account-2015)**

**Both providers have quality reporting as part of their contractual obligations.**

***There is a national system for incident reporting, which may be helpful to you. This information is available at the link below:***

<https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/birthplace?highlight=YTo0OntpOjA7czo0OiJob21lljtpOjE7czo2OiJiaXJ0aHMiO2k6MjtzOjY6ImJpcnRocyciO2k6MztzOjExOiJob21lIGJpcnRocyI7fQ>

2.3 How many women from each provider have had to be transferred to hospital during delivery?

**We do not hold this information. You would need to contact the Liverpool Women's Hospital directly to request this information on:**

[FOI@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@lwh.nhs.uk)

2.4 What are the arrangements for midwife training in the other providers?

**This information is available in One to One (North West) Ltd Quality Account which is available on their website.**

**I have attached the link below for your ease of reference:**

[http://www.onetoonemidwives.org/Midwifery\\_Quality\\_Account\\_Report\\_2015/midwifery-quality-account-2015](http://www.onetoonemidwives.org/Midwifery_Quality_Account_Report_2015/midwifery-quality-account-2015)

**For LWH you would need to contact them directly to request this information, I have detailed their FOI email address below:**

[FOI@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@lwh.nhs.uk)

2.5 What safeguarding training is provided for the home birth agencies?

**All NHS Staff have to be trained in accordance with the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) policies. There is also specific training delivered by the NHS / Liverpool City Council for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour based violence, PREVENT etc.**

**This information is available in One to One (North West) Ltd Quality Account which is available on their website on page 45.**

**I have attached the link below for your ease of reference:**

[http://www.onetoonemidwives.org/Midwifery\\_Quality\\_Account\\_Report\\_2015/midwifery-quality-account-2015](http://www.onetoonemidwives.org/Midwifery_Quality_Account_Report_2015/midwifery-quality-account-2015)

**You would need to contact the Liverpool Women's Hospital directly to ask for full details of their safeguarding training for staff. I have detailed their FOI email address below:**

[FOI@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@lwh.nhs.uk)

3. When is the information on options for Liverpool Women's Hospital to be made available to the public?

**Pre-consultation engagement is taking place from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 which will begin conversations with the public, and invites feedback, around the case for change. We anticipate that formal public consultation on one or more proposed options for the future delivery of these services will begin towards the end of this year.**

4. When will there be consultation with the public and information available to the public over the re-configuration of hospital services?

**The Healthy Liverpool vision for hospital services is for “a centralised University Teaching Hospital Campus with a single service, system-wide delivery, delivered through centres of clinical and academic excellence.” The rationale for this vision was set out in the Healthy Liverpool Blueprint for Change, published in 2015. Plans are currently being developed for the implementation of this vision for adult acute services in the city. We anticipate that this programme will be implemented in phases over the next 3 to 5 years and that the next phase of this process will be initiated in 2016/17.**

5. Given that the STP footprint plans are to be submitted in June 2016 which services does the CCG plan to cut as part of the 5% cut per annum?

**In December 2015, the NHS shared planning guidance 16/17 – 20/21 outlined a new approach to help ensure that health and care services are built around the needs of local populations. To do this, every health and care system in England will produce a multi-year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), showing how local services will evolve and become sustainable over the next five years – ultimately delivering the Five Year Forward View vision of better health, better patient care and improved NHS efficiency.**

**The draft Cheshire and Merseyside STP was submitted to NHS England on 30th June. We do not recognise the claim regarding cuts of 5% per annum.**

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Customer Relations Lead  
NHS Liverpool CCG**