Clinical Services Fit for the Future
Clinical Services Groups – Summary

Group: Child and maternal health
Date: 27 June 2012

What was discussed?

Children’s rights and what these mean for how we provide services
Feedback from the patient reference group
The profile of current services
Small group discussion on the critical issues for paediatric and maternity services

Emerging Issues

Large range of services – important to understand how they connect with each other and how they relate to patient pathways.
Lots of interest and concern in where services will be delivered in future – need to keep up strong engagement and communication with families.

Paediatrics
- Growing numbers of outpatients, A&E attendances and admissions and therefore recognition of need to change how we manage some presentations particularly A&E attendances
- Need to improve uptake of paediatric services that can be provided in a community setting
- Skills and confidence to deal with paediatric issues in the community
- Continued need to work with primary care on inappropriate referrals
- Impact of changes to national or regional services
- Opportunities and costs of new technology and equipment
- Need for better information on long term outcomes of rare diseases
- Better planning and joint working on transition to adult services including preparation of children and families
- Future workforce pressures

Maternity
- Changes to age and general health of pregnant women, including diabetes
- Many vulnerable women – need to better assess and respond to risks
- Links to community including GPs, social care, Health Visitors and midwives – should balance of care change and what needs to be in place to support that?
- Impact of standards for neonatal units – for our own services and patients coming from other areas
- Future workforce pressures linked to change in training numbers.
- Access (AHPs, diagnostics) not consistent for all maternity units

Next Steps

Further work on the current service profile to show pathways through the system, map what services are available where, and complete any missing information.
Activity and evidence information to be linked to emerging issues to test the facts, including comparisons to other parts of Scotland and UK.
Take stock of planned national or regional changes
Sub group on gynaecology, linked to planned care and cancer

Next meeting
23rd August 2012 at 2pm