

## Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

### Board Meeting

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## UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO CONSULT ON CLYDE MATERNITY SERVICES REVIEW

### Recommendation:

### The Board:

- **note the proposed approach to and timing of public consultation on the closure of the delivery services within the Inverclyde and Vale of Leven Community Maternity Units.**

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Board agreed at its December 2007 meeting to move to formal public consultation on the closure of the delivery services within the Inverclyde and Vale of Leven Community Maternity Units.

This paper briefly updates the Board on the approach to consultation, building on the extensive pre-engagement process.

### 2. CONSULTATION CONTENT

Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board will consult on the proposal to have a single Community Maternity Unit (CMU) Birthing Suite for Clyde, located at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. The CMUs at Inverclyde Royal Hospital and Vale of Leven Hospital will retain all other antenatal and postnatal services.

Included in the consultation papers will be the full option appraisal documentation detailing the four options for service delivery, the process and evaluation of relative benefits and risks cumulating in the preferred option of a single CMU Birthing Suite.

The Independent Scrutiny Panel report, with its full conclusions will be included in the consultation papers to ensure openness and transparency for public comment.

**3. CONSULTATION PROCESS**

In line with the Independent Scrutiny Panel's conclusion that further public testing of choices made by women would be of value, an audit of all women booking at the CMUs during the consultation period will be carried out to elicit reasons for their choice of delivery unit. The outcome of this audit will be included for the Board along with the outcome of the consultation.

In line with statutory requirements on public consultation:

- public information, including summary leaflets will be produced providing clear detailed information on the consultation process, timescales and service options;
- public events will be held in each locality providing opportunity for public comment and questions.
- staff will be kept fully informed and involved.

**4. CONSULTATION TIMESCALES**

It is purposed that the public consultation process will begin on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008.

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