

HORTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

FUTURE SERVICE CONFIGURATION

CLINICAL WORKING GROUPS

May 2007

Two clinical working groups were established as part of the post-consultation process to consider the future configuration of children's services and of maternity, gynaecology and neonatal services. The recommendations of the working groups are contained in their final reports.

Each working group met a total of ten times between January and May 2007, including two joint sessions, one to cover transportation issues and to meet with the postgraduate dean and a second to draw the process to a conclusion and agree the final reports.

The groups consisted of doctors and nurses from both Banbury and Oxford, across the range of relevant specialties: paediatrics, obstetrics, midwifery, gynaecology, neonatology, emergency department and anaesthetics. The groups included GPs nominated by the North Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire GP forum and by the Oxfordshire PCT. The groups were independently chaired.

The working groups were clinically driven and provided with evidence, data, research findings and administrative support by Trust management. The Trust responded well to requests for additional data and information. The working groups were also supported by independent clinical experts and heard evidence from individuals from the Deanery and the Ambulance Trust. Both groups conducted detailed clinical risk assessments of all service options under consideration.

The meetings were constructive and professional and provided an opportunity for all voices and opinions to be heard.

The Chair took pains to ensure minutes were agreed which reflected the discussions and the specific points of agreement. The groups agree that these minutes are a fair record of the process. The minutes and the reports of the groups will be provided to the Trust Board and to the Stakeholder Group initially and in due course will be published.

The children's working group was able to agree its recommendations unanimously. The maternity, gynaecology and neonatal group achieved a very high degree of consensus in its recommendations, but it was not possible to achieve unanimity and there remained one, and in some cases two, dissenting voices on a number of issues.

Both groups wish to emphasise that their recommendations, for the most part, form a complete package and that their risk assessments are valid only to the extent that the full range of clinical enhancements are made to the proposals.

The groups have proposed that, once the Trust is ready to implement its final proposals, a joint implementation group should be set up including GPs and the PCT to ensure a smooth transition to new arrangements.

Children's Services

List of Working Group Members

Chair

Ms Pam Garside, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge

Clinicians

Sister Michelle Brock, Emergency Department, Horton

Dr Janet Craze, Consultant Paediatrician

Dr Grizelda George, Consultant, Emergency Department, Horton

Dr Harold Hin, Hightown Surgery, Banbury, nominated by the North
Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire GP Forum

Sister Clare Hunt, Children's Ward, Horton

Dr Shelley Segal, Consultant Paediatrician, Horton/JR

Dr Justin Sims, Consultant Paediatrician, Horton

Dr David Skinner, Consultant, Emergency Department

Ms Vanessa Sloane, Deputy Directorate Manager, Children and Clinical Genetics

Dr Anne Thomson, Consultant Paediatrician and Directorate Chair

Dr Graham Walker, Lead Consultant Anaesthetist, Horton

Mr Rob Way, Nurse Consultant, Emergency Department

Dr Jonathan Williams, Horsefair Surgery, Banbury, nominated by the North
Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire GP Forum

PCT

Ms Emma Tidy, Deputy Director of Commissioning, Oxfordshire PCT

Dr John Walton, Member of Clinical Executive, Oxfordshire PCT

Expert Advisers attending one or more sessions of the working group

Dr Michael Bannon, Postgraduate Dean

Professor Sir Alan Craft, Professor of Child Health

Mr John Nichols, Regional Director, South Central Ambulance Trust

ORH Observers and administrative support

Ms Julia Clarke, Director of Strategic Review

Mr Raj Gokani, Directorate Manager, Children's Services

Mr Richard Jones, Director

Ms Nicola Joyce, Project Administrator

Dr David Lindsell, Divisional Chairman

Ms Jo Paul, Director of Operations

Maternity, Gynaecology and Neonatal Services

List of Working Group Members

Chair

Ms Pam Garside, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge

Clinicians

Dr Eleri Adams, Consultant Neonatologist

Ms Jan Barber, Gynaecology Ward Manager, Horton

Ms Bev Bennett, Senior Midwife

Miss Rebecca Black, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Sister Michelle Brock, Emergency Department, Horton

Mr Stuart Canty, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Horton

Dr Hugh Gillies, Horsefair Surgery, Banbury, nominated by the North
Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire GP Forum

Ms Anne Haines, Senior Midwife

Sister Debbie Hancock, Special Care Baby Unit, Horton

Dr Emma Haskew, Sibford Surgery, Sibford Gower, Banbury, nominated by the
North Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire GP Forum

Miss Pauline Hurley, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Mr Simon Jackson, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Horton

Dr Euren Mathews, Consultant Paediatrician, Horton

Ms Lesley Mills, Head Nurse, Neonatal Unit

Mr Jonathan Nicholls, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Horton

Matron Caroline Owens, Breast Care and Gynaecology

Dr Robin Russell, Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr Justin Sims, Consultant Paediatrician, Horton

Dr Graham Walker, Lead Consultant Anaesthetist, Horton

Ms Rosalie Wright, Associate Manager for Midwifery

PCT

Dr Ian Mackenzie, Associate Medical Director, Oxfordshire PCT

Ms Emma Tidy, Deputy Director of Commissioning, Oxfordshire PCT

Dr John Walton, Member of Clinical Executive, Oxfordshire PCT

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Dr Michael Bannon, Postgraduate Dean

Professor Sir Alan Craft, Professor of Child Health

Ms Suzanne Cunningham, Consultant Midwife, Southampton University
Hospitals NHS Trust

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