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Dear Colleague

**Centralising maternity and neonatal services at the new hospital site**

I am pleased to inform you that at the Governing Body meeting yesterday, NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group approved a recommendation to centralise all maternity and neonatal services, including a new, larger midwifery-led unit, at a new hospital due to be built at Leeds General Infirmary. This recommendation was also approved by NHS England/Improvement North East & Yorkshire Commissioning Committee on 9 July 2020.

The approval follows a public consultation that took place between 13 January and 5 April 2020. The consultation showed that 58% of people who took part preferred the option to centralise all maternity and neonatal services, and outpatient antenatal hospital appointments, at the new LGI site.

Better Births national maternity policy is clear on the need to increase community maternity support by creating community hubs. In Leeds a priority will be to develop a community hub near the St James's site. The Governing Body was pleased to hear of plans to continue engaging with the local community to develop this approach, which is aligned with the CCG's ambition to reduce health inequalities.

The Governing Body is pleased to support the plan to reconfigure maternity services as it will improve further the quality and safety of care and deliver the best experience and outcomes for women, their partners and babies in the city.

Kind regards



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