

Subject:	BSUH Major Trauma Centre & Hospital Site Reconfiguration		
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Report of:	Monitoring Officer		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 To update HWOSC members on the Major Trauma Centre at Royal Sussex County Hospital

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That HWOSC members note and comment on the report.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 From 2 April 2012, following a comprehensive major trauma designation process led by NHS South of England, the Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH) in Brighton was designated as the regional major trauma centre (MTC) for Sussex providing 24/7 enhanced specialist care for the most seriously injured patients within the Sussex Trauma Network.

BSUH made significant financial investment in the MTC, with the support of local and specialist commissioners, equating to £6m revenue and £3m capital; this included the provision of 24/7 consultant presence in the Emergency Department, access to a designated 24/7 major trauma theatre, a new CT scanner, a dedicated major trauma ward and a multi-disciplinary major trauma workforce.

- 3.2 Following a self-assessment process and discussions with the Surrey and Sussex Local Area team, in February 2013 BSUH entered into a derogation process for major trauma as there is currently no co-located neuro-trauma service at the MTC, i.e. physically located at the RSCH.

Derogation is a time limited agreement whereby one or more contractual standards or requirements within the national service specification will not be in place during the contractual period.

- 3.3 Until such time as a full neuro-trauma service is implemented at the MTC in Brighton, the pre-existing head injury pathways to Hurstwood Park Neurosciences Centre (HPNC) will be maintained and, for certain injury patterns, pre-hospital providers (South East Coast Ambulance and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance) have agreed protocols to transport the small number of patients affected to other MTC's at the discretion of their senior clinical controllers.

- 3.4 In December 2013 following detailed work by clinical and managerial leads across the organisation, the BSUH Board of Directors approved plans to move the elective and emergency neurosurgery service HPNC to RSCH and considerable planning is underway to enable the move to RSCH to be completed by August 2014.
- 3.5 A programme of work has been established to move planned trauma and orthopaedics and the urology service from the RSCH site to the Princess Royal Hospital site in the summer of 2014. It is proposed to maintain a daily urology outpatient service at RSCH for Brighton & Hove patients. These service moves to PRH will release beds and theatre capacity on the RSCH site to accommodate neurosurgery as well as creating other benefits and efficiencies for these services.

Performance

- 3.6 During the first twenty months the MTC has provided an enhanced service to seriously injured patients across Sussex and beyond. This has been demonstrated in the Major Trauma Performance Dashboard published nationally each quarter by the national trauma and Audit Research Network (TARN). TARN clinical reports have demonstrated that better clinical outcomes have been achieved since go-live in April 2012, with more survivors of major trauma than expected
- 3.7 The development of the MTC is significant strategic initiative for the Trust and considerable work is underway to ensure that the MTC achieves compliance against the national service specification for major trauma within the prescribed timescale

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Public consultation has already been undertaken on the relocation of neurosurgery to RSCH as part of the development of the 3Ts outline business case. As a relatively low number of patients are affected by the urology and trauma and orthopaedic service moves and as only parts of the service are moving further discussions on the proposed changes will take place with HOSC and local commissioners

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

None to this cover report.

Legal Implications:

None to this cover report.

Equalities Implications:

None to this cover report.

Sustainability Implications:

None to this cover report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Briefing Note for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Major Trauma Centre & Hospital Site Reconfiguration