



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION

17 November 2008

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Maternity Services Strategy

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the Maternity Services Strategy for Derby and Derbyshire.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The attached maternity services strategy has been developed jointly between Derbyshire County and Derby City PCT's in response to the national guidance. The strategy seeks to place women and their partners at the centre of their local maternity service provision and ensure that maternity services are developed equitably across the county.
- 2.2 It is proposed that all pregnant women in Derbyshire County and Derby City will have equality of access and informed choice:
- of how to access maternity care (i.e. via GP or self-referral direct to midwife)
 - of type of antenatal care (midwife only care or care from specialist team of midwives and obstetricians)
 - of place of antenatal care (home, community setting e.g. children's centre or GP surgery, birth centre, hospital)
 - of place of birth (home, midwifery led unit/birth centre, or hospital)
 - of postnatal care (home, other community setting)
- 2.3 The draft strategy is currently out for public consultation and the Commission is also asked to consider and give its comments.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 - Implications

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 gives health scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people. Improved maternity services will help towards reducing health inequalities.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 to help us all to be healthy and active.