

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief provides information on the December Board meeting.

Change of venue

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's next meeting of the Board will be held in the William Quarrier Conference Centre, 20 St Kenneth Drive, Glasgow, G51 4QD on Tuesday, December 20th. The Board meeting will begin at 10.00 am.

We've changed the venue from our normal Board headquarters on the Gartnavel Hospitals campus so that we can accommodate more public seating as we expect more than we could accommodate in our own boardroom.

There is a perception that some commentators and interested parties think that this Board meeting will be "D-Day" for several of the services currently being considered for change.

I wanted to outline what will be considered for decision, what will be considered for next steps...and what won't be considered or decided upon to ensure there is no confusion.

- **CENTRE FOR INTEGRATIVE CARE:** The Board will take a decision over the proposal to remove the seven inpatient beds (but to retain all the current services for patients on a day care basis) from the Centre for Integrative Care (formerly known as the Homeopathic Hospital).
- **BIRTHING FACILITY AT GREENOCK AND VALE MIDWIFE UNITS:** The Board will not take any decision on the proposal to close the birthing units of the Community Midwife Units at Inverclyde Royal Hospital and Vale of Leven Hospital. Our proposal to retain all ante natal and post natal services locally but to remove the birthing function has resulted in a lot of feedback during our public/patient engagement period and those views will be discussed. The Board will consider moving to a period of formal consultation on the proposal but will agree that any final decision on the matter will not be taken until the publication of the national NHS Scotland Maternity Strategy to ensure NHSGGC's decisions are in keeping with that strategy. The National Maternity Strategy is expected early in 2017.
- **LIGHTBURN:** The Board will not take any decision on the proposal to close Lightburn but will consider a report feeding back on the patient/public engagement and consider moving to launch formal consultation in January on the proposal to close Lightburn.

NB: **RAH ward 15:** Our proposal to move inpatient paediatric services from a ward within the Royal Alexandra Hospital to the specialist Royal Hospital for Children a few miles away on the grounds of best clinical practice and patient benefit is still undergoing a period of public/patient engagement that will result in the Board considering next steps at its February 2017 Board meeting.