

Responding to Secretary of State letter following referral of the permanent closure of consultant-led maternity services at the Horton General Hospital

Work Stream 5c Financial Analysis

1. Introduction

This is an updated version of the paper presented to the Horton HOSC in April 2019. The HOSC confirmed that they would like to see comparative data (for a year before the temporary closure of the obstetrics unit at the Horton General Hospital and for a year after) so both Oxfordshire CCG (OCCG) and the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH) have provided data for 2015/16 and 2018/19.

Within the NHS there are national tariffs for hospital based activity and this is then the “price” that commissioners pay providers for these services.

This paper provides an overview of the amount spent by OCCG on maternity services (split by provider) and the income received by OUH (split by commissioner). The income received by the provider as well as providing the budget for direct service provision (for example in this case the budget for obstetricians and midwives and other services) must also cover all support services (for example diagnostic services, catering, portering, laundry) and Trust overheads. An analysis of cost for the OUH is not provided in this paper.

2. Commissioning spend on maternity

Table 1 OCCG commissioning spend by provider for 2015/16

Provider	Antenatal	Postnatal	Birth Midwife	Birth Obstetrics	Total	
					£000	£000
Oxford University Hospitals	11,670	2,005	4,998	8,874	27,547	95%
Royal Berkshire Hospitals	491	76		449	1,016	4%
Great Western Hospital	71		29	119	219	1%
South Warwickshire					0	0%
Buckinghamshire Health Care	57		6	27	90	0%
Frimley Health	2			2	4	0%
Other Providers				4	4	0%
TOTAL	12,291	2,081	5,033	9,475	28,880	

OCCG did not have a contract with South Warwickshire (Warwick Hospital) in 2015/16.

Table 2 OCCG commissioning spend by provider for 2018/19

Provider	Antenatal	Postnatal	Birth		Total	
			Midwife	Obstetrics	£000	Proportion
2018/19	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Oxford University Hospitals	11,351	2,094	6,798	14,077	34,320	95%
Royal Berkshire Hospitals	462	73		602	1,137	3%
Great Western Hospital	9	18	38	179	244	1%
South Warwickshire	94	20	25	153	292	1%
Buckinghamshire Health Care			15	57	72	0%
Frimley Health			3	8	11	0%
Other Providers			2	22	24	0%
TOTAL	11,916	2,205	6,881	15,098	36,100	

3. Income received by Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust for maternity services

Table 3 OUH income by commissioner for 2015/16

Commissioner	Antenatal	Postnatal	Birth		Total	
			Midwife	Obstetrics	£000	Proportion
2015/16	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Oxfordshire CCG	11,679	2,000	5,123	9,343	28,145	83%
Northamptonshire CCGs	499	104	330	347	1,280	4%
Buckinghamshire CCG	694	43	141	595	1,473	4%
South Warwickshire CCG		17	94	87	198	1%
NHSE Armed Forces	211	28	52	154	445	1%
Berkshire West CCG	105		38	98	241	1%
Gloucestershire CCG	83	8	32	95	218	1%
Other CCGs	1,039	45	78	672	1,834	5%
TOTAL	14,310	2,245	5,888	11,391	33,834	

Table 3 OUH income by commissioner for 2018/19

Commissioner	Antenatal	Postnatal	Birth		Total	
			Midwife	Obstetrics	£000	Proportion
2018/19	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Oxfordshire CCG	11,351	2,094	6,839	14,315	34,599	88%
Northamptonshire CCGs	577	117	347	573	1,614	4%
Buckinghamshire CCG	491	55	140	761	1,447	4%
South Warwickshire CCG	19	6	14	30	69	0%
NHSE Armed Forces	134	24	80	174	412	1%
Berkshire West CCG	66	20			86	0%
Gloucestershire CCG	41	5	25	41	112	0%
Other CCGs	360	42	82	678	1,162	3%
TOTAL	13,039	2,363	7,527	16,572	39,501	

4. Commentary

This information only provides a very high level overview of the funding flows for maternity services. The following can be noted:

- For Oxfordshire registered mothers most spend (95%) takes place in Oxfordshire and this proportion has not changed between the two years
- The majority of income for maternity services for OUH comes from Oxfordshire CCG and this has increased from 83% in 2015/16 to 88% in 2018/19
- There is a greater flow of income into OUH from CCGs outside Oxfordshire than Oxfordshire CCG pays to other providers for Oxfordshire mothers who give birth outside the county. This is consistent with the OUH being the specialist provider for the Thames Valley and wider areas