

## **OUH Gynaecology Oncology**

OUH commissioned Invited Review by Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RCOG) in November 2018.

RCOG Invited Review took place in January 2019. RCOG final report submitted to Trust on 1 July 2019 which detailed a number of options for consideration in relation to the future of the service.

A full options appraisal was developed and discussed by Trust Management Executive and Trust Board at end of July 2019.

Trust Board approved following option:

*A short-to-medium term suspension of the Tertiary Surgical Service until such time that a new Leader is recruited to develop a strong, coherent, and effective team to deliver a world-class service and associated cutting-edge research, teaching and training.*

*Setting up collaboration with the Cancer Centres at Imperial and Southampton wherein they would accept referrals, in the short-medium term (8-12 months), from Oxford each month for tertiary level surgery in all Gynaecological Oncology tumour sites. This would also involve Gynaecological Oncology surgeons having blended contracts to enable them to operate with the teams at Imperial and Southampton. Surgical work would continue at cancer unit level in Oxford. Medical Oncology provision for all GO cancers would continue in Oxford.*

*Staff facilitation and organisational development work to be commissioned from an external expert to enable Tertiary Service to recommence.*

Once the organisational development work/mediation is completed and the new Leader has implemented the required changes to the service, the surgical work will return to Oxford in a staged manner. Discussions between the OUH, NHS England and CQC have affirmed that the OUH needs to be a centre for Tertiary Services and that as the service rebuilds there will be flexibility in the reintroduction of Tertiary Services.