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# Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Report of:** Specialised Commissioning - NHS England and NHS Improvement South West

**Title:** Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Joint Health  
Scrutiny Committee briefing on proposed reconfiguration of Specialised Neonatal  
Intensive Care

**Ward:** All

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### Recommendation

Members of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are respectfully asked to:

- Note the improvements in patient outcomes and family experience the proposed model is expected to deliver;
- Note the support and involvement of local people, experts and clinical leaders in the option development and appraisal processes that identified the recommended model of care;
- Note the intention to increase NICU capacity and family accommodation in Bristol;
- Note the commitment to ensure sustainability of services through reconfiguration, relevant to the clinical workforce and estate of both organisations;
- Endorse the proposal to integrate the neonatal services at Southmead and St Michael's by concentrating level 3 NICU at St Michael's, with families still able to access level 2 neonatal services at Southmead.

## **Context and Summary**

The purpose of this report is to brief members of the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the options appraisal process that has led to the recommendation to bring the services of the two units into a single functioning unit across the two sites and to concentrate the babies requiring level 3 intensive care onto the St Michael's site with families still able to access level 1 and level 2 neonatal services at Southmead.

The proposed new clinical model is supported by clinical and management teams at both North Bristol Trust (NBT at Southmead) and University Hospital's Bristol Foundation Trust (UHB at St. Michael's) and NHS England and Improvement (NHSE/I).

Scrutiny members' endorsement of this proposal will enable more detailed planning work to develop a Full Business Case and outline implementation plan for the proposed reconfiguration to progress.