

Hi All

Many thanks to all those who attended our afternoon session on 15 July to review our options for improving Neonatal care across MSE. The session was really constructive and I think helped us to conclude the service model that we would like to implement. The table below represents a summary of our views on each of the options discussed.

Option	Maternities	Deprivation	Quality	Estates	Staffing	Outpatients	Money	Overall
1. Do Nothing	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Redesignate one unit as SCBU	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
2a. Redesignate Basildon	N	N	-	N	N	Y	N	N
2b. Redesignate Broomfield	N	Y	N	N	-	-	-	N
2c. Redesignate Southend	Y	-	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
3. Create a level 3 NICU	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N

Redesignation of the Southend Unit remains the preferred option with the following additions to the model:

- Implement neonatal outreach care (at home) in at least the Southend area, ideally across all MSE sites
- Work with the nursing team to develop extended roles and development opportunities

We need to progress to an approved decision and implementation as soon as possible due to the ongoing impact this is having on staff morale, uncertainty for women and birthing people, and the deskilling of staff.

This proposal will go back to the Southend People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their review and specific engagement work will be done with women and birthing people in the Southend area. The proposal is already approved by the LMNS Board and Essex HOSC but we will share an update with them. The NHSE East of England Specialised Services Joint Commissioning Committee will also be updated post the Southend POSC.

Many thanks again for your help with further developing this proposal.

Thanks  
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