

Media Statement

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Local Hospital Services

The final Joint Services Review announcement made earlier today confirms that there are now two possible options for the Alexandra Hospital (Alex).

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group have previously confirmed that it is talking to a number of NHS providers about these options. These will now be worked up and shared with local people in May. The expectation is that the local Clinical Commissioning Groups will formally consult on the proposals in the summer.

Please find below a statement from NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group:

Dr Jonathan Wells, Chair and Clinical Lead for Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group, said:

“NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group have previously stated its intention that the Alex remains a thriving local hospital, which provides the fullest range of services possible – so long as these are clinically and financially sustainable.”

“We continue to be fully committed to this aim. However, we have also recognised that some change will need to occur to ensure that local people receive high quality, safe services in the future. These have been confirmed by the Worcestershire Clinical Senate; the most senior doctors and nurses in Worcestershire. These changes will affect patients whose clinical needs require them to be treated in a more specialist hospital. The Clinical Commissioning Group must accept these findings and this does mean that some change is inevitable.”

“Last year some of the potential clinical models would have resulted in a very significant reduction of services at the Alex. These are now off the table. Both the remaining two options mean that the majority of services currently provided at the Alex, remain at the Alex. We would also like to see new services provided locally. The exact range of services offered under the options now needs to be worked up over the coming weeks and shared with local people. We must also be able to set out where patients go who need specialist hospital services not available locally.”

“I fully understand that people are anxious about their local NHS services. I can confirm that no decisions can or will be made without full consultation; we will therefore do our very best to ensure local people and their elected representatives are fully engaged in how their NHS services are run in the future. In particular we want to work closely with local stakeholders including the Save the Alex campaign”.

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