

Improving hospital gynaecology and maternity services in Liverpool

Proposed changes to where high risk and complex care takes place

About this questionnaire

The NHS in Cheshire and Merseyside is looking at improving hospital gynaecology (care relating to any functions and diseases affecting the female reproductive system) and hospital maternity (care provided during pregnancy, delivery, and after birth) services in Liverpool.

The majority of this care currently happens at Liverpool Women's Hospital, which means they are separate from other adult hospital services such as intensive care, and other specialist teams. This situation can delay care and create problems getting women the treatment they need, particularly very seriously ill patients.

Because of this, we are proposing to move to treating a small number of the most complex and high-risk gynaecology and maternity cases at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, rather than Liverpool Women's Hospital.

You can use this questionnaire to share your views about this proposal. We'll use the feedback we receive to help shape how we move forward.

**Please return this questionnaire by
Tuesday 14th July 2026.**

How will my information be used?

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB), the organisation that plans health services for our area, has appointed an independent company, Hood & Woolf, to administer this questionnaire and report on the responses. Responses made in a personal capacity will be anonymous and you will not be identifiable. Responses made in an official capacity (e.g. if you are responding on behalf of an organisation or as an elected representative), may be attributed.

All the questions are optional, and all information you provide will be processed by the independent company in accordance with the latest data protection guidance. Information will only be used to share your views on hospital gynaecology and maternity services in Liverpool, and any personal information which could identify you will be kept for no more than one year.

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Section 1. Your views

After reading the information in the ***Improving Hospital and Gynaecology and Maternity Services in Liverpool, Proposed changes to where high risk and complex care takes place*** booklet, please answer the following questions.

1. The NHS is proposing that in the future, a small number of the most high-risk and complex births and gynaecology operations would take place at the Royal Liverpool Hospital instead of Liverpool Women's Hospital in order to improve the safety of that care.

We believe this proposed change would affect around 150 women each year. More information about this is available in Improving Hospital and Gynaecology and Maternity Services in Liverpool, Proposed changes to where high risk and complex care takes place booklet.

2. **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal?** Please tick one box only.

Strongly agree	
Tend to agree	
Neither agree nor disagree	
Tend to disagree	
Strongly disagree	
Don't know	

3. Please explain your answer to the previous question and/or outline any impacts of the option proposed, and how you think any disadvantages could be addressed:

4. The NHS must consider the impact of decisions on people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 (age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation).

Are there any positive or negative impacts that you believe should be taken into account in relation to equalities?

If so, please provide any supporting evidence and suggest how the NHS could reduce any potential negative impacts or increase any positive impacts.

5. Do you have any other comments that you've not already made?

This might include comments on the proposal or any other alternative solutions to address the challenges that you think the NHS should consider.

Section 2 - Your experiences

6. Have you, or someone close to you, ever had a high-risk and complex birth and/or gynaecology operation moved from Liverpool Women's Hospital to another hospital, because more specialist or emergency care was needed?

This could include having a birth or surgery moved to another hospital in advance, or being moved to another hospital by ambulance in an emergency situation.

Yes – I experienced a planned move of care	
Yes – I experienced an emergency or unplanned move of care	
Yes – someone close to me experienced a planned move of care	
Yes – someone close to me experienced an emergency or unplanned move of care	
No	
Not sure	

7. Have you, or someone close to you, used hospital gynaecology and/or hospital maternity services in Liverpool?

The majority of this care happens at Liverpool Women's Hospital – we aren't referring to any maternity and gynaecology services that take place at other local hospitals including Whiston Hospital, Ormskirk Hospital, or Wirral Women and Children's Hospital (Arrowe Park). Please choose as many as apply:

I have used/am using hospital gynaecology services in Liverpool	
I have used/am using hospital maternity services in Liverpool	
Someone close to me has used/is using hospital gynaecology services in Liverpool	
Someone close to me has used/is using hospital maternity services in Liverpool	
I work in – or alongside – hospital gynaecology and/or maternity services in Liverpool	
I want to share my views, but I haven't had experience of these services in Liverpool	
Not applicable – I am providing a response on behalf of an organisation	

Section 3 – About you

8. How did you find out about this questionnaire? Please tick all boxes that apply.

Email or text from the NHS	
Picked up a leaflet or flyer	
Social media	
NHS website	
A hospital volunteer	
Local media (for example local newspapers or local radio)	
Word of mouth	
Healthwatch	
Community or voluntary sector organisation	
I don't know	

If you found out somewhere else, please let us know where:

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9. Please let us know which of the following apply to you:

I've read the 'Improving hospital gynaecology and maternity services in Liverpool, Proposed changes to where high risk and complex care takes place' booklet.	
I've read the Easy Read version of the booklet	
I've visited www.GynaeAndMaternityLiverpool.nhs.uk	
I've attended one of the public information events	
I've attended an online briefing, meeting or group event with an NHS presentation about this	
None of the above	

10. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us your name, job title, and which organisation you represent.

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If you are providing your own personal response, please answer the questions below. They are optional, but they help us understand more about who we're reaching with our engagement activity.

11. What is the start of your postcode? (For example, L8 7 or L19 2)

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12. Which area do you live in?

Cheshire East	
Cheshire West	
Halton	
Knowsley	

Liverpool	
Sefton	
St Helens	
Warrington	
Wirral	

Other – please state:

13. Are you a healthcare or social care professional?

Yes	
No	

If you are a healthcare or social care professional, where do you work?

If you'd like to be kept up to date with this work, please sign-up to the virtual reference group at www.GynaeAndMaternityLiverpool.nhs.uk/get-involved/

Section 4. Equality monitoring

We are asking these questions because we want to make sure that we have asked lots of different people for their views.

All the information that you give will be recorded and reported anonymously – it will never be used with your name or contact details. NHS Cheshire and Merseyside collect this as part of its duty under the Equality Act 2010.

Your data will be treated confidentially and stored in accordance with Data Protection law and Hood & Woolf Ltd.'s privacy notice at www.hoodwoolf.co.uk/privacy-policy/

You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to

14. What is your ethnic group? Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	
White: Irish	
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	
White: Any other White background (please specify below)	
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean	
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: White and Black African	
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: White and Asian	
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background (please specify below)	
Asian/Asian British: Indian	
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	
Asian/Asian British: Any other Asian background (please specify below)	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please specify below)	
Other ethnic group: Arab	
Prefer not to say	

Any other ethnic group (please specify below):

15. How old are you?

16 - 19	
20 - 24	
25 - 29	
30 - 34	
35 - 39	
40 - 44	
45 - 49	
50 - 54	

55 - 59	
60 - 64	
65 - 69	
70 - 74	
75 - 79	
80 and over	
Prefer not to say	

16. What is your religion or belief?

No religion	
Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	
Buddhist	
Hindu	

Muslim	
Sikh	
Prefer not to say	
Other (please specify):	

17. How do you identify?

Male	
Female	
Trans-Man	
Trans-Woman	
Non-binary	
Gender-non-conforming	

Non-binary	
Gender-non-conforming	
Prefer not to say	
Other (please specify):	

18. What is your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual	
Lesbian	
Gay	
Bisexual	
Asexual	

Prefer not to say	
Other (please specify):	

19. What is your relationship status?

Married	
In a civil partnership	
Single	
Divorced	
Living with partner	
Separated	

Widowed	
Prefer not to say	
Other (please specify)	

20. The Equality Act 2010 protects people who are pregnant or have given birth within a 26-week period. Are you pregnant at this time?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

21. The Equality Act 2010 protects people who are pregnant or have given birth within a 26-week period. Have you recently given birth? (within the last six months)

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

22. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Yes, limited a lot	
Yes, limited a little	
No	
Prefer not to say	

23. Do you consider yourself to have a disability? (The Equality Act 2010 states a person has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' (more than 12 months) negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

Physical disability	
Sensory disability (e.g., Deaf, hard of hearing, Blind, visually impaired)	
Mental health condition	
Learning disability or difficulty	
Long-term illness (e.g., cancer, diabetes, COPD)	

Prefer not to say	
Other (please specify):	

24. Do you provide care for someone? A carer is defined as anyone who cares, unpaid (or in receipt of Carer's Allowance, but not someone who is employed as a care professional), for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support.

Yes - Care for young person(s) aged 24 and under	
Yes - Care for adult(s) aged 25 to 49	
Care for older person(s) aged 50 and over	

No	
Prefer not to say	

25. Have you ever served in the armed services?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

Thank you very much for your time. We will use your feedback to help shape how we move forward.

Please return the questionnaire to:

Communication and Engagement Team
 NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB
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 920 Centre Park
 Warrington
 WA1 1QY

The closing date for us to receive your response is midnight on Tuesday 14th July 2026.

Please allow 5 working days for your response to reach us.