

Maternity Transformation Stakeholder Council

Thursday 1 September 2016

Baroness Julia Cumberlege, Chair of the Maternity Transformation Stakeholder Council welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined that the purpose of the stakeholder council is to provide assurance, assistance, appropriate challenge and expert advice to support the delivery of the Maternity Transformation Programme.

The Council discussed early plans and key themes of the Maternity Transformation Programme and identified a number of key areas they felt were fundamental to the success of the programme. The Council felt that the following key areas would ultimately determine how successful the MTP is turning the ambitious vision of 'Better Births' into transformed local maternity services:

- We need to ensure that **choice and safety** feature across all workstreams. It is important that the metrics developed across the programme are designed to equally incentivise choice and promote safety
- It is important to move beyond what is available to measure now and to work towards **measuring what matters to women and their babies**. Whilst there is a significant call for more data, the burden of additional data collection the usefulness of multiple data capture points, and the inevitable time-lag of creating new measures must be carefully considered as part of the MTP implementation
- The Maternity Transformation Programme should, where possible, be reflected across all 44 **Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)**. The Council noted that the NHS England Programme Management Office is working with the national STP team to explore this further
- The development of **multi-professional training** will truly support the delivery of the continuity of carer model, and will help to break down some of the professional boundaries which currently exist within the system
- Finally, appropriate representation of **neonatal and postnatal care** across the MTP was discussed as an important determinant of longer term outcomes for mothers and their children.

The next meeting of the Maternity Transformation Stakeholder Council will take place on Thursday 10 November 2016.