

"ST. HELENS/NATIONAL WOMEN'S" MATERNITY SERVICES UPDATE

These newsletters are to all staff and have the following purpose:-

- a) To inform of issues that require action
- b) To inform of constraints imposed around those issues
- c) Invite staff to participate in discussions and decision making that considers the points of view of those involved
- d) Inform of decisions and actions

CURRENT ISSUES

- Resite Delivery Suite at NWH
 - Resite Neonatal Unit from 11A to Ward 1
 - Transfer of Gynaecology to Green Lane Hospital
 - Merger of St Helens and National Women's
 - Formulation of Policy re length of stay in Post Natal Wards
 - Information dissemination
 - Support-on-Site Team
1. Resite Delivery Suite - Meeting Monday 14 October 7.30pm
- Time frame of Works Plan and Merger presented. Renovation work on 11A is programmed to begin on 4 Dec.
 - Staff informed that Delivery Suite unable to remain operational once works commence
 - Meeting asked to put forward alternative locations and other areas of concern regarding move

Outcome

- Administration and Ward 10 deemed unsuitable
 - Group to consider suitability of Ward 8, 9 & 2. Report Wednesday 16th 3.30pm
 - List of necessary transportable equipment for relocation to be made and presented by Wednesday 16th meeting 3.30pm
 - Final decision re move made by 31st October
2. Resite Neonatal
- Renovation to Ward 1 will be completed by 27 Nov.
 - Neonatal Unit will move to Ward 1 in the week following.

3. Transfer Gynaecology to Green Lane

- Gynaecology Planning Meeting has been meeting regularly and a decision re the move will be made by Friday 3rd November. One ward will be available to allow movement of Delivery Suite by mid-November.

4. Merger of St. Helens & National Women's Meetings
11 Oct. 2.00pm, 7.30pm

- Time frame of Works Plan & Merger presented
- Staff invited to share concerns

Outcome

- To set up a series of small Working Parties to take up areas where joint planning is required
- To begin familiarization of St. Helens staff with NWH
- To begin exchange of staff in some areas

5. Merger of St. Helens & National Women's Laboratories

- Transfer of staff now complete
- Three staff rostered back to St. Helens to maintain a Stat. Laboratory Service
- Proposed closure of St. Helens On Call Service for mid November this service will be delivered from National Women's Laboratory

6. Policy re Length of Stay for Post Natal

This has been identified as a priority concern and a meeting will be called within next two weeks to address this. Contact Carole ext. 3100 if you want to be involved.

7. Information Dissemination

- A regular newsletter to be distributed to all staff
- Information Centre to be established - see next Newsletter for details.
- Please address questions for answering to Helen Brownlie, C/- Manager's Office, Maternity Services, Ground Floor, NWH.

8. Support On Site Team Telephone No. 609861

- Weekly meetings reconvened
- Available to assist any staff in current situation - contact number as above.