



Date: 13 March 2025	Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm	Venue: PCH 3 rd Floor West Wing Board Room / TEAMS
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MEMBERS		
Andy Weir - CHAIR	Director of Mental Health Social Care and Community Services	AW
Claire Thompson	Chief Operating Officer – Acute Services	CT
Simon West	Medical Director (Item 5 onwards)	SW
Martin Carpenter	Director of Digital Health and Informatics (TEAMS)	MC
[REDACTED]	Director of Culture, Engagement and Wellbeing (TEAMS)	[REDACTED]
Obi Hasan	Finance Lead – HCS Change Team	OH
[REDACTED]	Chief of Service – Operation Crocus (TEAMS)	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Chief of Service - Surgery	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	REACH Representative	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Chief Social Worker	[REDACTED]
ATTENDEES		
[REDACTED]	Deputy Head of Finance Business Partner	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Associate Director of Improvement and Innovation	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Acting Chief Pharmacist	[REDACTED]
Cathy Stone	Nursing and Midwifery Lead – Change Team (TEAMS)	CS
[REDACTED]	(Interim) Deputy Chief Nurse (TEAMS)	[REDACTED]
Mark Pugh	Medical Lead – Change Team	MP
[REDACTED]	Lead AHP Adult Therapies	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	HR Business Partner	[REDACTED]

1	Welcome and Apologies	Action
AW welcomed all to the meeting and advised he would be acting as chair in the absence of TW.		
Apologies noted from :		
[REDACTED]	Board Secretary	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Chief of Service – Women, Children and Family Care	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Chief of Service - Medicine	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Director of Midwifery	[REDACTED]
Tom Walker	Chief Officer HCS	TW
Rachel Williams	Director of Strategic Planning and Reporting	RW
Jessie Marshall	Chief Nurse	JM
Ian Tegerdine	Director of Workforce	ITe
[REDACTED]	Head of Comms HCS	[REDACTED]
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9	Home Birth Report	Action
	<p>The SLT received a paper providing an in-depth overview of the circumstances that led to the temporary suspension of the Jersey Home Birth Service (available in TEAMS folder). The SLT were asked to note the report.</p> <p>Key Points Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLT requested a review of the circumstances leading to the temporary suspension of the home birth service. • The review was not undertaken for financial reasons but purely for the safety of women and families in Jersey. • Prior to the decision made in October, the service was suspended inconsistently, which was deemed more unsafe and unfair to women and families. • Key safety issues: Training, workforce, and consistency of staff which are consistent with challenges / trends in Europe and the UK. • [REDACTED] has done significant work on the ongoing review of the home birth service, involving service users, staff, and clinicians. • The review is due to report in July 2025, coinciding with the training identified by [REDACTED] for the team. • Proposal to be submitted to TW regarding the reinstatement or continued suspension of the service July 2025. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW found the review clear and asked about the likelihood of the service being suspended for the rest of the year if the second cohort of training will not be delivered until October 2025. CS responded that over 50% of the staff would have completed the training by July, potentially allowing the service to restart then, although no guarantee. 	

- ELT reviewed the quality impact assessment related to the suspension of the service and were satisfied with the potential impact on patients.
- Discussion on understanding substantive funding sources for future reinstatement.
- CS noted that uncomplicated home births cost half the price of uncomplicated hospital births, referencing the UK's active progression towards home births 20 years ago.

In conclusion, the SLT noted the paper and support the current approach by the Director of Midwifery.



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	Meeting Close	4.00p m
Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 10 th April 2025.		

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