

temporarily closed.

Engagement activity had previously taken place to inform the clinical model of care that was included in the options appraisal process. The option appraisal process took place from November 2019 through to February 2020, the process was paused due to the pandemic. The Committee considered the service changes presented, current and previous involvement work to assess the impact of the proposed model of care, and the ongoing short survey of service users and maternity workforce. The Committee asked for further data about the trends for home births to be circulated.

The next stage was for the trusts to provide revised business cases on how to reinstate the birthing services to the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Maternity and Neonatal Programme Board in Autumn 2021. The final proposals would be considered by the Committee at a future meeting

Covid-19 Update

The Committee considered an update on the current position relating to Covid-19, with focus on case rates, hospitalisations, death rate, infection rates and vaccine roll out for under 18 year olds.

It was noted that informal guidance for roll out of vaccines for under 18 age group was not yet available, there was an increase in demands across NHS services, and that recent legislation required health and care workers to be fully vaccinated by 11 November 2021 to continue to work in the care sector, therefore they must start vaccinations by 18 September. There would be further updates to the next meeting on Phase 3 Flu and Covid vaccinations.

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Their next meeting will be held on Monday 20 September 2021 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.