

Maternity Care in Trafford



Trafford's maternity services will be changing in February 2010. This leaflet summarises the changes that will be taking place.

Care before and after the baby is born will continue to be provided in Trafford. This care is provided by midwives working in the community visiting women in their homes, in GP practices, health centres and children's centres.

If a mum-to-be needs the additional care of a doctor, specialising in the care of pregnant women, they will be able to attend antenatal clinics at Trafford General Hospital just like they do now. These clinics will be run by doctors from Saint Mary's and Wythenshawe Hospitals.

From 1st February 2010, the overnight maternity service at Trafford General Hospital will transfer to the maternity units at Wythenshawe Hospital and Saint Mary's Hospital in Manchester. The overnight maternity service at Trafford General Hospital will then close. This is part of major changes to maternity services in Greater Manchester called 'Making it Better.'

New and bigger maternity units will be available at both Wythenshawe Hospital and Saint Mary's Hospital in Manchester. Both of these units will offer women a choice of midwife-led birth centres or traditional, consultant-led care.

More women may choose to have a home birth supported by midwives and of course, women may have their baby at another hospital of choice. Until February 2010, it is business as usual for all maternity services at Trafford General Hospital.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like more information, or need this information in a different format please contact **Trafford Patient Advice and Liaison Service** on **0161 746 2019** or go to **www.trafford.nhs.uk** (includes a DVD explaining the changes). Alternatively, contact the **Making it Better** team at **mib@northwest.nhs.uk**



Services for poorly children & young people in Trafford

As part of the **'Making it Better'** changes, poorly children and young people will be cared for at home whenever it is safe to do so. The Trafford Children's Community Team provide this service and the team has been expanded so that the nurses can keep children out of hospital or get them home sooner if they do need to be admitted.

A new children's resource centre is being developed at Trafford General Hospital for children's outpatients, day surgery and for daytime tests and investigations.

The accident and emergency department at Trafford General Hospital will continue to treat children who need emergency care. The new Children's Observation and Assessment Unit within the A & E unit will assess and observe children for up to six hours.

After that time, most children will be well enough to go home, with the Children's Community Team giving extra care at home if needed. The small number of children who do need to stay in hospital longer than six hours will be admitted to Trafford General or, from February 2010, be transferred to Wythenshawe Hospital.



Why are these changes happening?

The overnight children's service at Trafford General Hospital will transfer to Wythenshawe Hospital in February 2010. This is part of the **'Making it Better'** changes to concentrate specialist skills and expertise in fewer, larger children's units in Greater Manchester to make services safer and improve staffing levels. Daytime children's services including outpatients and most day surgery will continue to be provided at Trafford General Hospital.

