

**Sandwell and Birmingham Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny
Committee**

**Sandwell and West Birmingham Solid Tumour Oncology and Specialised
Gynaecology Cancer Surgery Services**

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1. Purpose

This report provides a brief commissioning update on plans for the solid tumour oncology service for Sandwell and West Birmingham, and the Pan-Birmingham Gynae Oncology Cancer Surgery Centre. It follows previous reports to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and therefore does not repeat the background to these pieces of work.

2. Solid Tumour Oncology (chemotherapy)

Following agreement that a University Hospitals Birmingham (UHB) led service from the Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital (SWBH) sites was the preferred option for the future delivery of solid tumour oncology services, NHS England Specialised Commissioners have agreed to a plan which will see a phased transition of the services from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The two providers are now working on implementation plans and timelines for the clinics to move.

3. Specialist Gynaecological Oncology Surgery Centre Service

Following a review of the available options, NHS England has indicated it intends to commission this service from University Hospitals Birmingham. An initial proposal and timetable was received at the end of March and is being reviewed with a full business case expected by autumn 2019. The new service would launch during 2020.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust served notice on this service in 2017, and has reaffirmed that from 2020 it will no longer provide specialised complex gynaecology cancer surgery. The review of options and initial proposal mean that plans can be moved forward to retain this regional service within Birmingham, co-locating the service with other regional specialist cancer services at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital site.

The Birmingham service provides complex gynaecology cancer surgery each year to patients from Birmingham, Solihull, Sandwell, Walsall and other parts of the West Midlands and beyond. The team undertakes approximately 400 procedures each year.