

**BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM WOMEN’S HOSPITAL & QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL BIRMINGHAM**

**JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

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Birmingham Children’s Hospital (BCH), Birmingham Women’s Hospital (BWH) and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham (QEHB) have declared their commitment to working in partnership to deliver leading-edge healthcare, alongside research and development for the babies, children, adults and elderly people of Birmingham and beyond.

All three hospitals recognise that healthcare is evolving and advancing rapidly and have agreed a joint vision to ensure the changes are delivered now and in the future.

In order to provide the best care for the 1.1 million patients that the hospitals jointly treat each year, they agree that reconfiguration of the services they deliver is needed to ensure quality outcomes for their patients.

To that end, the hospitals have set up a joint working group to develop a 10-year masterplan that ensures the right treatment, for the right patient, in the right place – whether it be on BCH’s Steelhouse Lane site, the QEHB or BWH sites in Edgbaston.

The hospitals intend to continue to develop world-class services by enabling their specialist clinicians to work seamlessly together using the expertise of academics at the University of Birmingham for the benefit of patients.

David Melbourne, Interim Chief Executive at Birmingham Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, said: “Our ambition is to provide outstanding care and treatment for all children and young people who choose and need to use our services.

“Developing a new facility that can create a world-class health campus in partnership with QEHB, Birmingham Women’s Hospital and the University of Birmingham will ensure that we can continue to fulfil that ambition for the foreseeable future.

“It will also mean that Birmingham can better develop its research, development and innovation agenda in healthcare covering all ages of the population.”

Professor Ros Keeton, Chief Executive, Birmingham Women’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, said: “Our long term vision is for a women’s fully integrated health service for the wider Birmingham area built on the firm foundations we have developed as a specialist provider. Co-location on a health campus will be essential to ensure that our services are delivered in partnership with other specialist services and provide the very best outcomes for women and families.

“The rising levels of complexity seen in communities we serve such as diabetes and obesity demand even greater levels of integration and partnership in the future. Our vision for an integrated health campus for Birmingham is about world-class services for the people we serve.”

Dame Julie Moore, Chief Executive, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, said: “The care our organisations provide need to evolve and develop to meet the changing needs of society, the growth in medical knowledge and technology and fluctuating economic circumstances.

“It is our vision to develop and deliver a world-class health campus that delivers services in appropriate centres across the city and fully integrates clinical services to improve clinical outcomes for all our patients.”

While each individual hospital has their own five-year plans to deliver, together they have agreed in principal the following:

* Translate research into real benefits for patients to help save and prolong lives in new innovative areas of medicine
* Maximise learning opportunities by bringing all staff groups and areas of clinical and non-clinical expertise together
* Drive a cultural change in the way individuals and organisations work together and how patients receive and deliver healthcare
* Empower our world-class clinicians and scientists to deliver world-class care in a world-class environment
* Share and spread new knowledge and practice, so we are always at the forefront of what is possible
* Co-locate the most clinically and technologically advanced hospitals in the UK alongside the most progressive academic institutions in the country
* Maximise the benefits of the existing city centre site for continued healthcare for all patients as well as providing for much needed regeneration and employment
* Develop a centre of regeneration providing new, knowledge-intensive jobs, leading economic change from manufacturing to technology, medical devices to intelligent informatics
* Deliver big projects on time, on budget and create long-term job opportunities for thousands of individuals across our diverse communities.

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