

MLA Briefing

Meeting Details:	Friday 09 September 2022
Director:	Geraldine McKay, Director of Acute Hospitals
Topic:	Surgical Services Review - Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLA briefing paper 	
Update Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options Appraisal Document continues to be updated in preparation for final presentation at programme Board and the wider Consultation process. This document is in line with the Regional Review and the principles/draft standards recently published as part of the Regional Review. The Regional standards for emergency surgery present significant challenges for SWAH. • Clinical Reference Group, User Involvement Group and Workforce Groups all active • Engagement continues with the Western Trust General Surgeons, clinical leads from all service areas and from services across the Trust • Work ongoing to recruit to Consultant vacancies and to recruit two Clinical Leads – one for Emergency General Surgery and one for General Surgery (Trust Wide Positions) – Job Descriptions with college for approval • There are 3 consultant surgeons in post on the SWAH site, plus 1 full time agency locum surgeon. To cover the on-call they are

regularly supported by a surgeon colleague from Altnagelvin, plus a recently retired surgeon from SWAH. Additional cover is occasionally provided by other surgeons from across Northern Ireland.

- Should the number of substantive surgeons reduce, then this would impact upon the sustainability of the service.
- Altnagelvin currently have 9.0 Consultants – one of whom is not on the on-call rota.
- Concerted campaign to recruit theatre nurses to Western Trust sites (all 3 hospitals)
- Regional workstreams are ongoing in terms of Emergency Surgery, PACU, Workforce and Elective workstreams
- Plan being prepared for reconfiguring elective across the 3 sites to deliver elective activity at pre pandemic levels.
- Additional 7 sessions in Omagh
 - This is continuing to progress – IPT completed and passed by CMT and Trust Board.
 - The consultant urologist is a separate IPT to allow for additional urology out patients within the Trust.
 - Additional posts in recruitment process
 - Formal start date of December 2022 although additional sessions commenced using flexible staffing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monthly meetings now happening with all the surgeons involved in the regional lap chole sessions to ensure robust operational and governance assurances in place.
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