

## **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS BUSINESS MEETING**

**Wednesday, 5 November 2025**

**Questions submitted in advance of the meeting from Trust members/public along with the corresponding answers:**

### **Question from John Palmer, Trust Member**

I would like to ask a question regarding purchasing beds in the community last winter when Goole was available with staff and room it doesn't add up when the Trust is struggling financially, have you put something in place for this winter so the same thing doesn't happen again. I did ask a similar question at the members annual meeting but didn't get a response?

### **Response provided by Matt Powls, Interim Group Chief Delivery Officer**

Thank you for your question. The Trust does not purchase community beds, this is commissioned by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) on behalf of the patients in the region. Goole & District Hospital (GDH) provides an important share of bed capacity for our services and as such is an integral part of the decisions made on a daily basis to ensure we utilise inpatient beds for patients that are clinically appropriate.

### **Question from Kevin Woolass, Trust Member**

Is there a three year plan to close Goole & District Hospital?

### **Response provided by Ivan McConnell, Group Director of Transformation**

There is no plan to close Goole & District Hospital – we are currently undertaking a piece of work which looks at how we best meet the population health needs in partnership with ICB / Local Authority (LA) and wider providers notably Primary Care.

At present we are looking to increase Regional Rehabilitation Hub size, integrated care provision, increase surgery via increases in gen surgery. As an example.

### **Questions from Micheala Kenning, Chair of the Save Goole Hospital Action Group**

**Q1:** When will the Top To Toe Booklet be ready for distribution?

### **Responses provided by Ivan McConnell, Group Director of Transformation and David Sharif, Group Director of Assurance**

It should be finalised this week and published in the next week – following publication of the ICB engagement report.

**Q2:** When can we expect an update regarding funds for the proposals for Goole & District Hospital

## **Response**

If this is regarding capital – We are undertaking some estates planning based upon potential options at this stage. The options need to be confirmed in ICB commissioning intentions. Capital would need to be funded from within internal capital resources. The wider revenue funding would need to be confirmed via the commissioning route and the ICB.

The business cases are being worked up during the period of November to end of March 2026.

No definitive timeline as there are multiple dependencies

**Q3:** When can we expect an update on the amalgamation of NLAG and HUTH

The partnership of NLAG and HUTH has no firm plans at this stage to create a legally binding and different organisational form. We are focused on driving better patient access to services and opportunity for our staff through working closer together as a partnership.