

**Proposed changes to the provision of specialist  
inpatient haematology services at the  
County Hospital**

TSA Principles and Criteria

### **The principles used to develop the post dissolution clinical model (2015)**

In developing their draft recommendation, the Trust Special Administrator (TSA) established a series of guiding principles and evaluation criteria, as follows:-

**Principle 1:** First and foremost, each service must be assessed on its own merit and the TSAs must be assured that each service (retained in the current locality or otherwise) will be clinically safe and affordable

**Principle 2:** Where possible, services should be retained locally. Moving any single service away from the current locality must be discretely justified

**Principle 3:** If the TSAs identify an opportunity to enhance a service or introduce a new service (whether that service is retained locally or moved to another provider) they will work with commissioners to identify the feasibility of doing so.

**Principle 4:** The TSAs must be conscious that there are pressures on the NHS and the local health economy which cannot be fully addressed locally. However, the TSAs must identify and assess the impact on the whole local health economy of their recommendations, and where that impact is detrimental, must identify how this impact can be mitigated

**Principle 5:** The TSAs should not discount short term investment if they believe it will deliver longer term benefits for the local population

**Evaluation Criteria 1:** Is the model clinically sustainable?

**Evaluation Criteria 2:** Is the model reasonable with regards to access to services for patients, and their families?

**Evaluation Criteria 3:** Is the model financially sustainable?

**Evaluation Criteria 4:** Is the model deliverable

#### **Reference:**

**What will the small district general hospital look like in the future?**

**Mascie-Taylor H, Britt P, Cooksley G etc. al (2015)**

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