

RUH wins contract to provide maternity services.

We are delighted to have been chosen to provide maternity services for the first time in more than 20 years.

The decision means that maternity services provided at the Royal United Hospital and at community birthing centres in Trowbridge, Chippenham, Frome, Paulton and Shepton Mallet will be run by the RUH from 1 June. Maternity staff will transfer over to the employment of the RUH at the same time.

RUH Chief Executive James Scott said: “I’d like to reassure all expectant mothers planning to give birth at our hospital or one of the community birthing centres that we are absolutely committed to providing them with tailored care and the highest quality service possible.

“We will provide all women who are booked to the service with further information in the near future, and the freedom to choose a delivery that suits their circumstances, whether they want to give birth at home, in a birthing centre, or in the Princess Anne Wing.

“I am delighted that the midwives and maternity staff will be joining the RUH and will continue to provide the highest possible level of individual care to women during what is one of the most rewarding life events. We are looking forward to developing the service with them and the public we serve in the coming months and years.”

The RUH will be working closely with colleagues from Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust over the next few months to ensure the smooth transfer of services between the trusts.