

Integrated Birth Unit Team Continuity Of Carer

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1. Background

Better Births, the report of the National Maternity Review, set out a clear recommendation that the NHS should roll out continuity of carer, to ensure safer care based on a relationship of mutual trust and respect between women and their midwives. This relationship between care giver and receiver has been proven to lead to better outcomes and safety for the woman and baby, as well as offering a more positive and personal experience; and was the single biggest request of women of their services that was heard during the Review.

2. The Aim

For 20% of pregnant women in the Stroud area to be booked on to a Continuity of Carer Pathway by March 2019

3. The Safety Concern

Currently women only receive intrapartum continuity in an "ad hoc" manner. NHS Maternity Review Better Births strongly supports Continuity of Carer models to improve safety outcomes and women's experience.

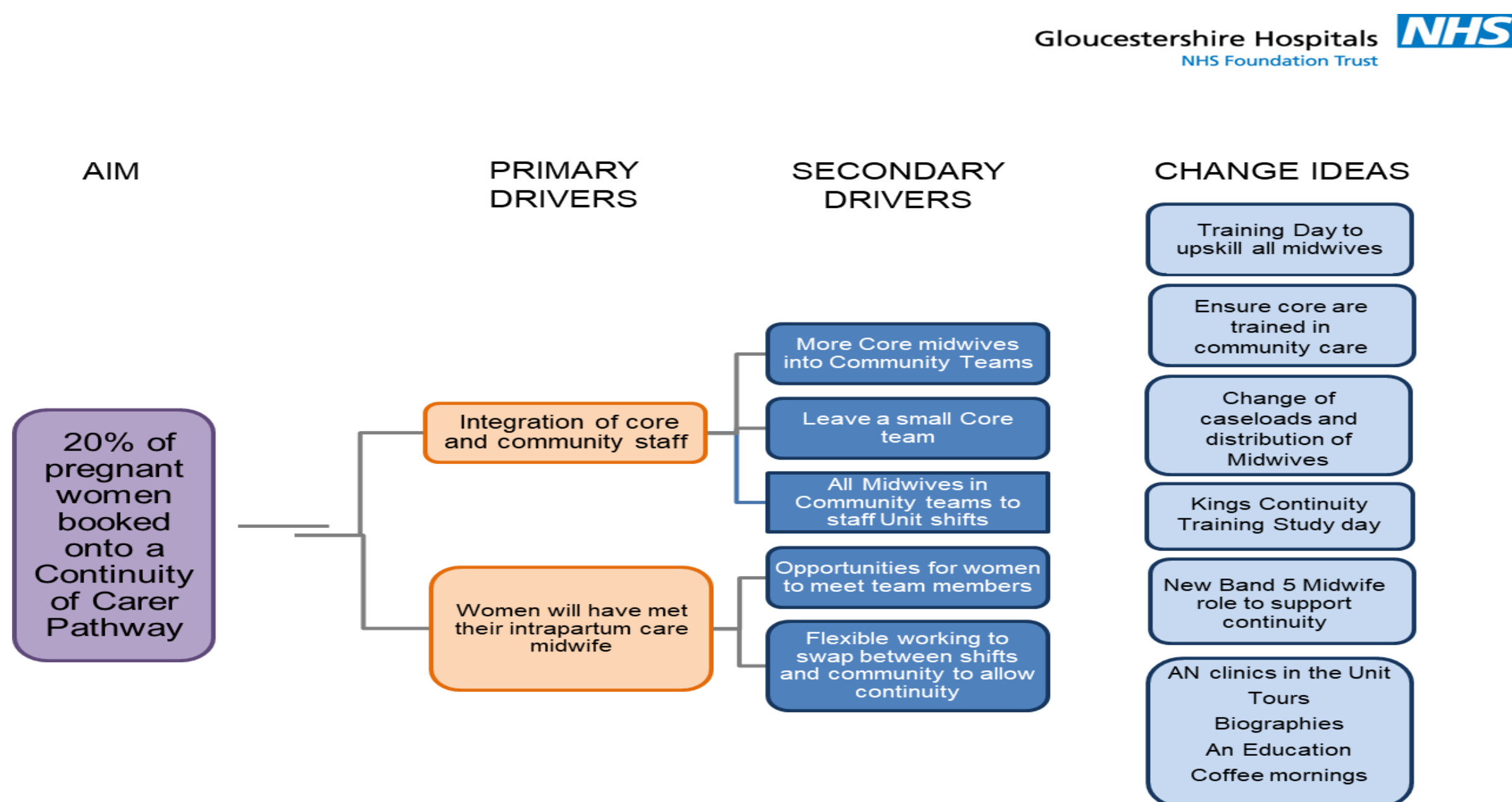
4. Measures

OUTCOME—Number of women booked onto the Continuity of Carer Pathway

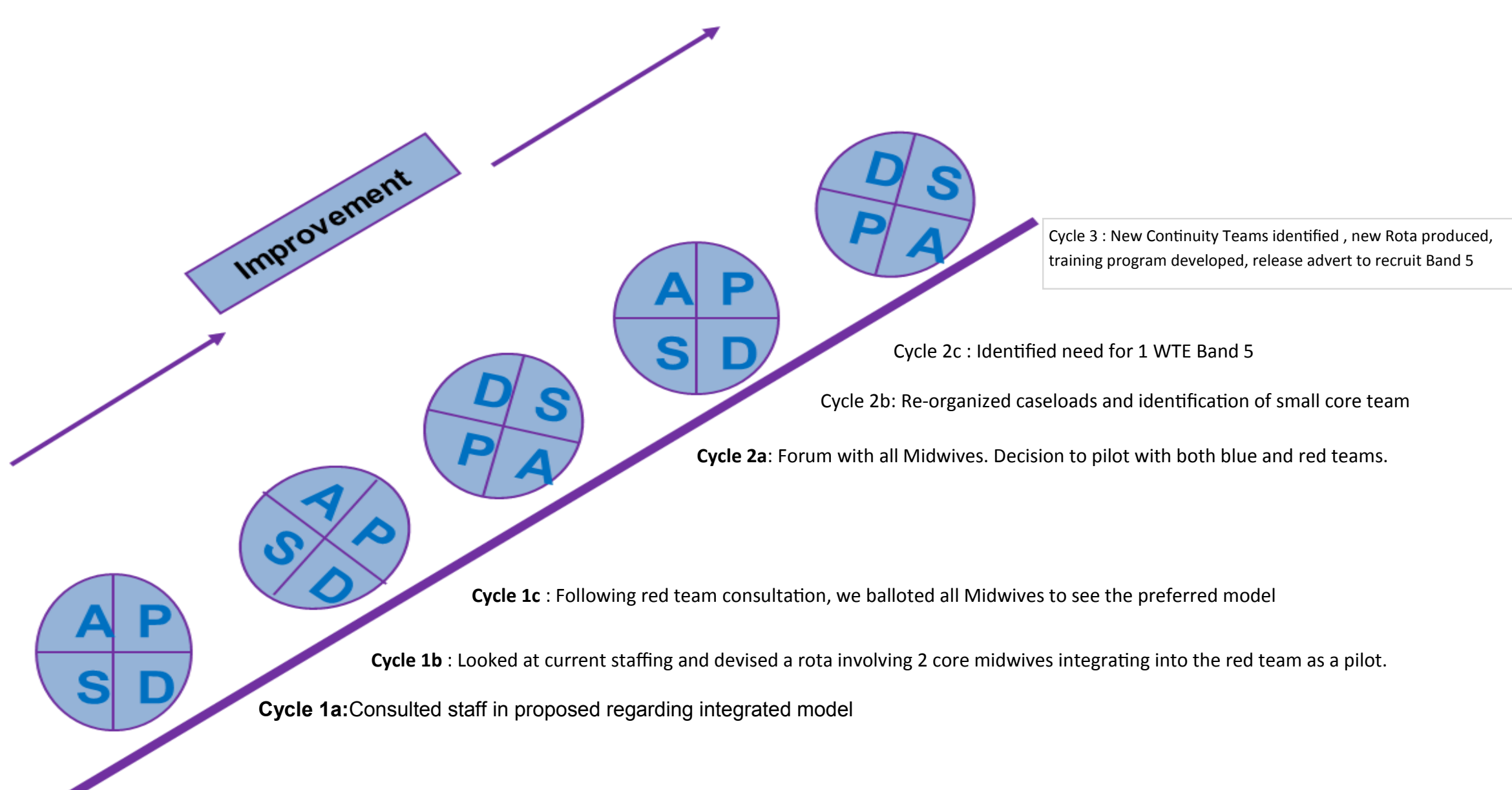
BALANCING—If we increase births at home or in the Birth Unit we may not be able to support this model or place of birth without increase in staffing.

Antenatal continuity may reduce impacting on outcomes e.g. Preterm birth

5. Driver Diagram



6. PDSA Cycles



7. Next Steps

- Launch of model in June 2019
- Monthly data collection (RCM audit forms)
- Review Outcomes May 2020
- Share ongoing data with Better Births Team Lead
- Share experiences at Better Births Carer Forum and service users