

Immediate and Essential Action

In December 2020, a review into maternity services was published by Senior Midwife Donna Ockenden and a team of leading health care professionals. The report had seven immediate and essential actions that NHS Trusts needed to follow. Here are some of the ways we are working together to provide the best maternity care possible for women and their families across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

1 Enhanced Safety

What we need to do:

Neighbouring Trusts must work together to make sure that investigations into serious maternity incidents (SIs) are looked into by local and regional maternity teams.

Our plan:

- We have set up a system working group to review and learn from serious incidents.
- Our Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) Board will have oversight of safety and learning from serious incidents will be shared across our local NHS organisations to make services safer.

2 Listening to Women and Families

What we need to do:

Maternity services must make sure that women and their families are listened to with their voices heard.



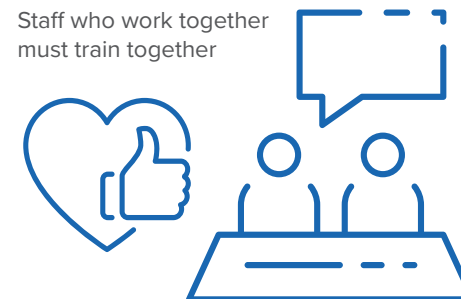
Our plan:

- We are working closely with our Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) to involve women and families in planning and decisions about their care.
- We are working with local partners to make sure services involve fathers and partners in discussions about appointments and care.

3 Staff Training and Working Together

What we need to do:

Staff who work together must train together



Our plan:

- We will make sure staff have the right skills needed to safely care for women and their families.

4 Managing Complex Pregnancy

What we need to do:

Make sure there are processes in place to help manage and support women with complex pregnancies



Our plan:

- Trusts have developed ways to help support women with complex pregnancies and will continue to review this.
- We are working with neonatal services to make sure women are able to give birth in the setting that is safest for them and their babies.

5 Risk Assessment Throughout Pregnancy

What we need to do:

Staff must make sure women have a risk assessment at each contact throughout their pregnancy.



Our plan:

- Midwives will continue to support women to make the right choice for them about where they want to have their baby.
- We are working together with women and their families to plan their care based on their needs.

6 Monitoring Fetal Wellbeing

What we need to do:

All maternity services must appoint a dedicated Lead Midwife and Lead Obstetrician both with expertise to focus and show best practice in fetal monitoring.



Our plan:

- Trusts will have Midwife and Consultant Fetal Monitoring leads to improve practice, share learning and support staff with fetal wellbeing monitoring.

7 Informed Consent

What we need to do:

All Trusts must make sure women have access to accurate information so they can make choices about where they want to give birth and the mode of birth, including maternal choice for caesareans.

Our plan:

- Trusts will continue to update their websites to provide women and families with information about places of birth and how they will receive care, with printed and translated information also available.
- Trusts will work with the MVP and other partners make sure information is easy to find and suitable.