

Maternity Services

We have:

- Put in place a new perinatal community mental health service to support women's mental health during and after pregnancy.
- Improved the birth environment on the delivery suite and access to a delivery telephone line.
- Provided women with more choice about where to get their maternity care and have their baby.

We will

- Work towards increased staffing in maternity units.
- Ensure personalised care is provided which is centred on the woman, her baby and her family and is based on their needs and decisions. Ensure they have genuine choice which is informed by unbiased information.
- Ensure every woman develops a personalised care plan with their midwife and other health professionals, which sets out her decision about her care, reflecting her wider health needs.
- Ensure there is continuity in who cares for women to enable mutual trust and respect for the woman's decisions.
- Every woman should have a midwife, who is part of a small team of four to six midwives, based in the community who knows the women and family and can provide continuity throughout the pregnancy, birth and afterwards.
- Community hubs should enable women and families to access care closer to home in the community from their midwife and a range of other services, particularly for antenatal and postnatal care.
- Deliver the recommendations from a review of maternity services.