



BETTER BIRTHS

Please see the information below and complete this questionnaire and contribute to how services are delivered locally - we want your views!

National Maternity Review 2016 - 'Better Births, Improving outcomes of maternity services in England'

Better Births sets out a clear view of what maternity services should look like in the future. The vision is clear:

We should work together across organisational boundaries in larger place based systems to provide a service that is kind, professional and safe, offering women informed choice and a better experience by personalising their care.

Published in February 2016, the review sets out a five year plan of improving maternity services. It outlines the following recommendations and Outcomes:

1. There should be **personalised care**, centred on the woman, her baby and her family and offer genuine choice informed by unbiased information
2. There should be **continuity of carer** to ensure safe care based on a relationship of mutual trust and respect in line with the woman's decisions
3. There should be **safer care**, with professionals working together across boundaries to ensure rapid referral and access to the right care in the right place, leadership for a safety culture and investigation, honesty and learning when things go wrong
4. There should be **better postnatal and perinatal mental health**, to address the historic underfunding and provision in these areas, which can have a significant impact on the life chances and wellbeing of the woman, baby and family
5. There should be **multi-professional working**, breaking down barriers between midwives, obstetricians and other professionals to deliver safe and personalised care for women and their babies
6. There should be **cross-boundary working** to provide and commission maternity services to support personalisation, safety and choice, with access to specialist care whenever needed
7. There should be a **payment system that fairly and adequately compensates providers** for delivering high quality care to all women efficiently, while supporting commissioners to commission for personalisation, safety and choice