



Working in partnership to improve maternity services

## About Devon Maternity Voices Partnership

Devon Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) is a collective of parents (and parents to be) and organisations who support maternity services (health professionals, charities, Healthwatch, non-health professionals) working together to review and contribute to the development of local maternity care across Devon.

## Who is involved in the Devon Maternity Voices Partnership?

- Pregnant women
- New parents
- Representatives from voluntary groups who support pregnant women and new parents
- Representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who pay for and monitor services
- Healthcare professionals working in the community and the hospitals across Devon such as senior midwives, obstetricians, neonatologists, health visitors, GPs and staff from the local authority, children's centres.



## How you can get involved?

There are different ways of participating depending on your interests and available time:

- Share your experiences of maternity services and look out for future events to attend.
- Join and represent women and families on the Devon MVP
- Collect maternity stories, experiences, insights and recommendations from your community which we can feedback on your behalf.
- Host a local gathering. We want views from the different geographies of Devon (this could be through an existing group you already attend e.g. a baby group, or perhaps you have an idea for your own gathering)
- Champion a particular aspect of maternity services. Perhaps you are passionate about homebirths, or as a dad you are interested in support for fathers. If you feel strongly about a particular element of maternity services and are interested in getting others involved in this topic please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.
- Be involved in maternity service quality improvement initiatives, for example, a 'Walk the Patch' in your local maternity unit.

## Why get involved

By sharing your experiences and volunteering some of your time, you can:

- Help shape maternity services in Devon
- Help to make sure that all voices, including those whose voices are less easily heard, contribute to the development of maternity services in Devon.
- Help to make sure we are looking at topics which are important to parents and taking recommendations on how maternity care can be improved

## Contact us

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