



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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