



Investigating health care professionals' understanding of local preferences around birthplace and perceptions of risk around choice of birthplace

This engagement will build on national research around choice of place of birth and proposes to investigate local preferences around birthplace, and perceptions of risk around the choices available. It will aim to understand existing opinions held by women, families, the wider public and professionals and use this insight to create tools which can be used in the future to better inform people in Leeds about the benefits of homebirths. The aim is to provide women and families with clear and simple information about homebirth in order for them to make an informed decision about where they choose to give birth and to increase the number of parents who want to give birth at home.

1 Are you filling this in as a

- GP
- Midwife
- Health Visitor
- Other (please give details)

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What type of things do you think inform people's choice of birthplace? (Please tick all that apply)

- Information booklets
- Advice from GP, midwives or health visitors
- Advice from family members or friends
- Information gained at ante-natal classes
- Past experience, either personal or through family/friend network
- Perceived risks associated with home birth (Please give details of what you think the risks are)
- Confidence in professionals' knowledge and experience
- Media
- Not realising there was a choice
- Lack of awareness about support available for home births
- Other (please give details)

Comments

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What kind of information do you think should be readily available to enable parents to make an informed choice about their choice of birthplace when they are planning pregnancy or have just found out they are pregnant?

- Clear information about all the choices available to ensure parents have a choice
- Information about the types of support that will be available for families choosing home births
- Information about support groups and classes around home birthing
- Medical staff offering consistent and balanced information about choices of home birth
- Access to testimonials from families who have experienced home births
- Other (please give details)

4 What kind of information do you think might change a person's preference about choice of birth place during and before pregnancy?

- Celebrity endorsement
- Concerns about hospital environment (e.g. MRSA scares)
- Positive or negative stories about types of birthing
- Advice given by health care professionals
- Pressure due to family/friends perceptions of best options
- Other (please give details)

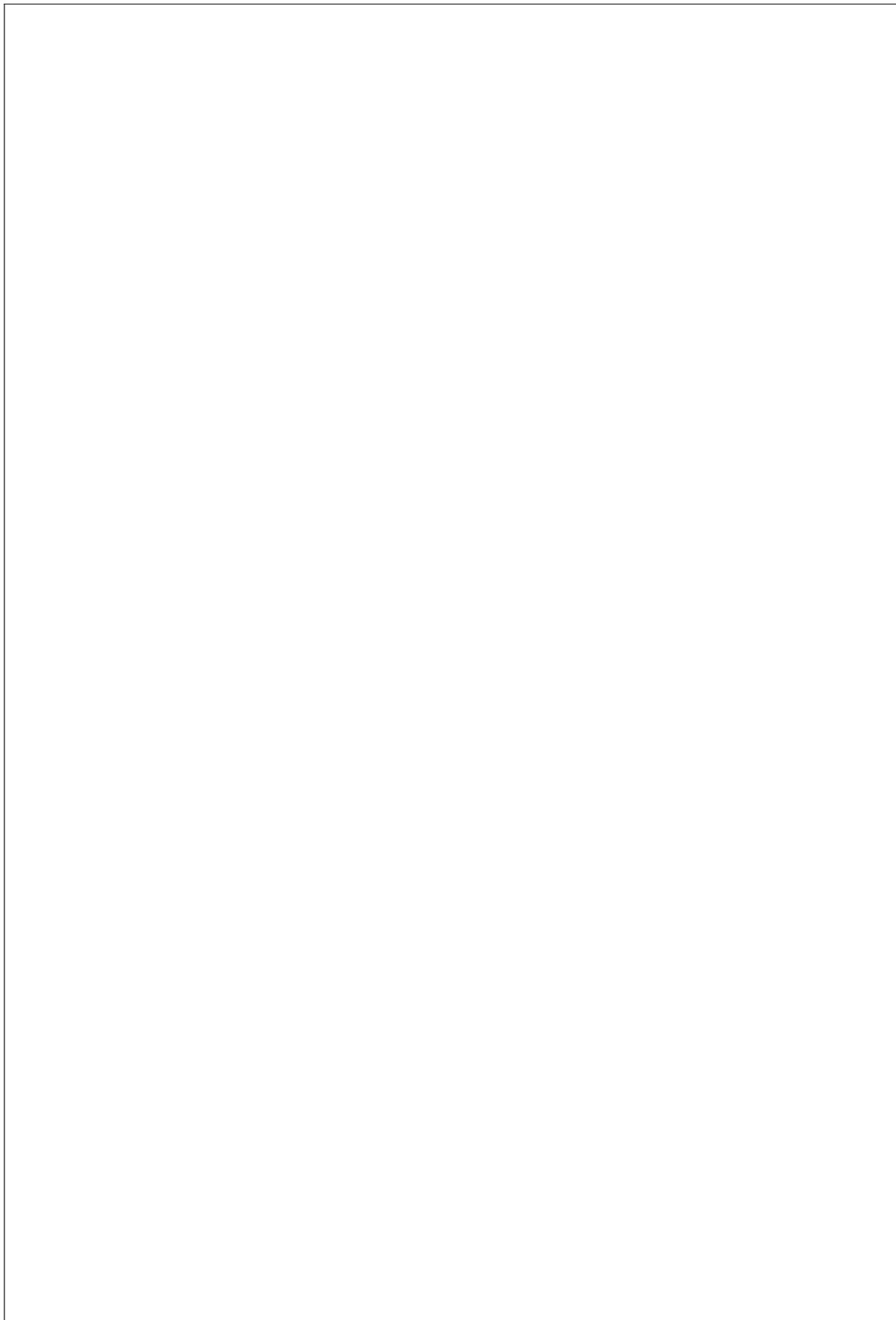
5 How confident do you feel in discussing all available options for place of birth with women? (Please answer on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is 'not confident at all' and 5 is 'very confident')

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

6 If you answered 1 – 3, please tell us what further support or information would help you to feel confident to have these conversations?

- Provision of information
- Regular updates including evidence/case studies
- Training
- Peer support from colleagues with more experience
- Hearing from patients about their experiences
- Other (please state)

7 Do you have any further comments you'd like to add?





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Equality Monitoring

So that we provide the best services for all of our communities, and to ensure that we do not knowingly discriminate against any section of our community, it is important for us to gather the following information. No personal information will be released when reporting statistical data and data will be protected and stored securely and in line with data protection rules.

1 Please tick here if you would prefer not to answer any of the equality monitoring questions.

Prefer not to answer

2 What is the first part of your postcode? e.g LS18

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What is your age?

- Under 16
- 16-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 66-75
- 76-85
- 86+
- Prefer not to answer

4

Are you disabled? (The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as 'a physical, sensory or mental impairment which has, or had a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities').

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

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If yes, what type of disability (please tick all that apply)

- Long standing illness
- Physical impairment
- Learning disability
- Mental health condition
- Hearing impairment (such as deaf or hard of hearing)
- Visual impairment (such as blind or partially sighted)
- Prefer not to answer

6

What is your ethnic background?

- White British
- White Irish
- Gypsy and Irish Traveller
- Mixed White & Black Caribbean
- Mixed White & Black African
- Mixed White & Asian
- Asian/Asian British Indian
- Asian/Asian British Pakistani
- Asian/Asian British Bangladesh
- Black/Black British Caribbean
- Black/Black British African
- Chinese
- Arab
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please specify)

7

What is your gender

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to answer

8

Is your gender identity different to the sex you were assumed to be at birth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

9

Pregnancy and maternity (The Equality Act 2010 protects women who are pregnant or have given birth within a 26 week period).

Are you pregnant at this time?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

10

Have you given birth in the past 26 weeks?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

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What is your religion or belief?

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim
- Jewish
- Sikh
- No religion
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please state)

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What is your sexual orientation?

- Heterosexual | Straight
- Lesbian | Gay woman
- Gay man
- Bisexual
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please state)

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What is your relationship status?

- Marriage / Civil Partnership
- Live with partner
- Single
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please state)

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Are you a carer?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer