



Maternity services must ensure that women and their families are listened to with their voices heard

Maternity Voices partnership chair, who will have access to both Trust board and the SHIP LMS board. Appoint a senior independent advocate for women when guidance from NHS England is available.

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STAFF TRAINING AND WORKING TOGETHER

REQUIRED STANDARD

Staff who work together must train together. Consultants must carry out twice daily ward rounds

OUR PLAN

Continue our multidisciplinary training via PROMPT and fetal monitoring study days, and through courses offered via Wessex Maternity Academy. The consultant ward rounds are in place



MANAGING COMPLEX PREGNANCY



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REQUIRED STANDARD

There must be robust pathways in place for managing women with complex pregnancies

OUR PLAN

All women with complex pregnancies have a named consultant lead with clear guidelines and pathways. We are a tertiary level Maternal Medicine centre and have high levels of expertise in this area. We plan to share this across the region to support all women with complex pregnancies in Wessex and SHIP LMS



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RISK ASSESSMENT THROUGHOUT PREGNANCY

REQUIRED STANDARD

Staff must ensure that women undergo a risk assessment at each contact throughout the pregnancy pathway

OUR PLAN

Risk assessments and review of lead professional are made at each appointment with a guideline that supports this. The implementation of Badgernet will further promote this. Women are also supported with decision making via online resources on Wessex Healthier Together



MONITORING FETAL WELLBEING



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REQUIRED STANDARD

All maternity services must appoint a dedicated lead midwife and obstetrician both with demonstrated expertise to focus on and champion best practice in fetal monitoring

OUR PLAN

We have a lead midwife for fetal monitoring, Lindsay Kness, and a lead consultant, Ineke van Herwijnen. Our newly developed multi disciplinary fetal monitoring study day will further support this work



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INFORMED CONSENT

REQUIRED STANDARD

All Trusts must ensure women have ready access to accurate information to enable their informed choice of intended place of birth and mode of birth (including maternal choice for caesarean delivery)

OUR PLAN

Information is available on many platforms including Wessex Healthier Together, the Trust maternity webpages, Dad Pad and our maternity social media pages. Discussions about birth choices are actively supported by all members of the MDT. Our MVP plan to develop and support this work further, particularly with women from minority backgrounds

