

Midwife Led Unit Study

A plan to re-distribute the maternity services across Greater Manchester means that from the Spring of 2012, women from Bury will need to have their babies delivered at a hospital other than Fairfield General Hospital, or alternatively at home.

Although the bulk of pre-natal care will still be available at Fairfield beyond 2012, including scans, the delivery itself will take place at another location.

As a result of this, one of the options that is being looked into by the local NHS, is whether it is a good idea to develop a 'midwife-led unit' at Fairfield, to allow mums to be from Bury who wish to, to continue to deliver there, under the care of midwives, not doctors.

This would be preferable for lower risk pregnancies and births, as any complications requiring the attention of doctors and full clinical teams, or the availability of a special care baby unit, would need to be transferred to another hospital site, that still had a full maternity service.

As part of this study, we are asking recent mums and their partners what their thoughts are about 'midwife led units' and whether these would be chosen, so that we can more fully assess local demand. **The engagement period will run from Monday 6th June 2011 – Friday 17th June 2011 (Extended to 30th June) so please take the opportunity to share your views before then.**

It would be appreciated if you could spare 5 to 10 minutes of your time to fill in our questionnaire to help our study and share with/forward on to anyone else you think will be interested in giving their views.

The survey can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/maternitycare>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact NHS Bury on 0800 3283166. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.