

**Maternity Services Liaison Committee
Annual Report 2004/2005**

The East Cheshire Maternity Services Liaison Committee consists of professionals, user representatives and voluntary organisation representatives who meet quarterly with the aim of both supporting and improving maternity services for the benefit of the women of Eastern Cheshire.

The Terms of Reference are attached (Appendix 1)

Membership

Mrs G Hopps	Head of Midwifery & Women's Services/Acting Chair
Dr I Losa	Consultant Paediatrician
Dr S Dean	Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Sr E Alston	Supervisor of Midwives
Mrs A Morton	Health Visitor
Dr C Stanley	General Practitioner
Dr J Lawn	General Practitioner
Mrs J Hawkes	Service Development Manager, Women & Children's/Eastern Cheshire PCT
Mrs M Grant	NCT representative
Ms N Bright	User representative
Mrs A Laycock	User representative
Mrs S Ryan	La Leche/user representative
Mrs E Fickling	NCT/User representative
Ms D Coppock	NCT/User representative
Ms C Schofield	User representative
Ms S Mackian	User Representative
Mrs E Owen	Secretary to committee

Significant Issues

The Chair of the Committee

Although a service user is recognised as the most appropriate chairperson, in response to no volunteers coming forward, Mrs Hopps agreed to take the chair for a two year period. The role of office extends until September 2005.

Public Involvement in Maternity Services

The Committee has reached the desired ratio of user representation of 50 % of the membership in line with the Department of Health recommendations. In addition to the Committee, there are 2 user representatives on the Labour Ward Forum, 2 user members on the Breast feeding Forum and 1 user member on the Patient Information Group.

Two users are included in the consultation process of all obstetric/midwifery draft documents for practice and patient information leaflets.

Two user representatives, both committee members, undertake the parent craft reunion evaluations and submit reports to the committee for discussion and response .

The strategy for user recruitment is to advertise in the Bounty book, hand held records and in each GP surgery and health centre. It has also been added to the trust web site.

Breast feeding

The Committee are committed to improving the numbers of mothers choosing to breast feed. The work of the Breast Feeding Forum has been acknowledged together with the achievement of the BFI Certificate of Achievement. It was particularly recognised that the co-ordinated approach by the East Cheshire NHS Trust and Eastern Cheshire PCT was the first in the country to achieve the award across both the hospital and community. The Committee would wish for the good work to continue to the achievement of the full award within the two year time scale.

Reports Tabled in 2003/04 and update on actions

CESDI Project 27/28 (2003)
All actions completed

NICE Guidelines for Anti D Prophylaxis for Rh negative women (NICE 2002)
Introduced June 2004

Laming Report (Department of Health 2003)
All actions completed
Mandatory Training programme for midwives in place.

Antenatal Screening Standards (National Screening Committee 2003)
Quadruple screening introduced January 2004 to achieve the standard.
MAST are currently fundraising for a new ultrasound machine to be dedicated for maternity services in line with the standard for ultrasound equipment. It is expected to be in site by September 2005 when obstetric ultrasound will be transferred to the Antenatal Clinic and support the health model for pregnancy.
The first Trust Antenatal Screening Report is attached for information (Appendix 2)

NICE Guidelines for Antenatal Care (NICE 2003)
All actions complete with the exception of Blood antibody screens for RH positive women. Case for funding with the Trust.

Reports tabled in 2004/05

NICE Guidelines for Caesarean Section (NICE 2004)
Action plan in place – work ongoing

Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths 2000/02 Published Nov.04
Action Plan in place – work ongoing
Presentations have been held for staff on the learning points for practice

National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services
Standard 11 – Maternity Services 10 year action plan (DOH Oct 2004)
Action plan in place – work ongoing

Developments in Service

Active Birth Workshops

The Committee were supportive of the introduction of Active Birth Workshops for midwives in November 2004 with the refocusing on natural /active childbirth and a move away from the medical model of care in an aim to reduce the caesarean section rate. The development of two labour rooms designated for natural childbirth, one with the pool, further support the push for normality in childbirth. The Committee await further information on the active childbirth classes for couples to be introduced later this year.

Improvements in Facilities

The Committee were pleased to hear of the upgrade of the bathroom facilities on the maternity unit to accommodate women with disabilities and to increase the number of bidets.

Review of Maternity Services

The change in Service Provision to GP Attached Midwifery Group Practices commenced on 1st June 2003. An overall positive 12 month interim evaluation report was received in June 2004. The Committee await the final evaluation report following 24 months of the new way of working.

Review of Children's Services

The Committee have been kept updated on the ongoing East Cheshire review of Children's Services and the Greater Manchester Review of Children's, Young People and Maternity Services. The Committee have expressed concerns regarding their perceived consequences to maternity services with any change in service provision to the Paediatric medical team.

The Committee members welcomed the opportunity to work with the PPI leads for both the ECNHST and ECPCT in putting forward their viewpoint for future service provision in east Cheshire.

Parentcraft Reunions

The committee was informed of 10 reports compiled by committee user representatives from parentcraft reunion group meetings.

An action plan was tabled in response to each report.

Overall there were an equal number of positive and negative comments on the care provided

Common themes/positive comments

- Antenatal classes excellent – especially for dads
- Midwifery care was always comprehensive and never felt rushed
- Care in labour fantastic, many compliments noted
- Midwives very supportive- cared and listened

Common themes/negative comments

- Breastfeeding problems - conflicting advice
- mothers felt unsupported in breastfeeding
- mothers felt under pressure to breast feed
- Midwifery - no time given for the home visit
Antenatal clinics run late
Disappointment not to have their team midwife for delivery
felt that there was a shortage of staff

End of year statistical data attached (Appendix 3)

MATERNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

A Maternity Services Liaison Committee (MSLC) shall be established and maintained by the East Cheshire NHS Trust and shall be known as the Macclesfield Maternity Services Liaison Committee. It shall act as a multi-disciplinary forum bringing together user representatives and the different professions involved in maternity care. The committee will meet quarterly.

Aims and Objectives

- 1 The MSLC will advise the Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust and East Cheshire NHS Trust on all aspects of maternity services provided for its residents, including:
 - Strategy for services and any proposals for changing or developing services
 - Quality standards for maternity services and ways of monitoring standards.
 - Guidelines for clinical care
 - Information requirement of residents and health professionals
 - User involvement with planning and monitoring of service
 - Annual Report – The committee will produce an annual report that includes:-
 - Summary of the work of the Maternity Services Liaison Committee
 - Progress on local strategies and targets
 - Recommendations to the Primary Care Trust and hospital Trust
- 2 The MSLC aims to ensure that the Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust and East Cheshire NHS Trust take account of the views of women using the service.

Membership

- 3 Members will normally be appointed for no less than two years.
- 4 Membership may include:
 - User members
 - Consultant Obstetrician
 - Consultant Paediatrician
 - Supervisor of Midwives
 - Senior Midwifery Manager
 - General Practitioner
 - Health Visitor
 - Local voluntary organisation representative
 - PCT representative

Members will be expected to liaise with the groups or profession that they represent with appropriate feedback to the committee.

Chair

The position of chair will ideally be undertaken by a user representative. In the absence of this a chair will be appointed by the committee from their members. The chair will be elected for a period of 2 years.

FINANCIAL YEAR 2004/2005 STATISTICAL DATA

<u>Total number of Deliveries</u>	1929 (
Home Deliveries	1.8%
Induction Rate	17.3% (20% 03/04)
Normal Deliveries	
One to one care in Established labour	
Instrumental Deliveries	12.5%
Caesarean Section Total	23.9%
Emergency	
Elective	
Initiation of Breast feeding at Delivery	
Breast feeding at Transfer to community	
Breast Feeding on Transfer to Health Visitor	
Women smoking at booking	
Women smoking at delivery	