



**Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) – Main Meeting
Thursday 1st October 2020 on Zoom**

Present: Aliya Fazil (Chair and Bradford Doulas), Laila Ahmed (CNet), Jenny Pratt (CNet) (minutes), Graham Carey-Briggs (NSPCC), Charlotte Hamilton (Bradford Breastfeeding Buddies), Shelley Franklin-King (Bradford Doula Project), Sara Hollins (Head of Midwifery, Bradford Royal Infirmary), Lorraine Pryce (Doula covering West Yorkshire and Manchester), Maha Alomari (City of Sanctuary), Sayma Mirza (Project Lead for Act As One Systems Transformation Network Programme), Natasha May (Cognitive Behavioural Therapist from My Wellbeing College Bradford), Judith Nevin (Breast Feeding Peer Support), Carolyn Sadler (Public Health Specialist for Local Authority in Children and Young People), Abbie Wild (Specialist Midwife in Bradford Royal Infirmary), Amy Tatham (GP Bradford District and Craven CCGs), Wendy Toulmin (Infant Feeding Co-ordinator temporarily representing Airedale Hospital), Farzana Ghani, Jane Dickens (BDCT)

Apologies: Yazmin Shah (CNet), Masira Hans (Sharing Voices)

Item		Action
1.	<p>Welcome / Introductions/Apologies Laila chaired the meeting due to Aliya having technical issues. Laila welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were made.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising Minutes were agreed as correct and actions were discussed.</p>	<p>YS and SFK to discuss pregnant women’s anxiety.</p>

		YS to forward dates for WHN workshops.
3.	<p>Updates</p> <p>Sara Hollins – Bradford Royal Infirmary</p> <p>Sara update the meeting about the launch of the Outstanding Maternity Services programme (OMS). This is now starting to take shape and the final workstream charters are all at the final stages. The feedback from the Maternity Service Survey was very positive, with higher response rates when compare nationally. Sara expressed her thanks to MVP members who supported getting the survey out and collating the results.</p> <p>Covid is causing significant challenges. In September, the visiting restrictions changed to allow a member of the family bubble into the 12 week scan, however not the 20 week scan. This was decided by the National Sonography Service. They have also introduced an hour slot for partners to visit on the antenatal and postnatal ward. BRI does not have room to keep people socially distanced in waiting rooms so further appointments with partners are not yet possible. It is being explored to see if low-risk women can be seen at GP practices with a partner. Conscious that this may lead to a two-tier system of low risk women being able to have a partner present in some settings and high-risk women not.</p> <p>Still-birth rates have been on a downward trajectory. However, a spike of 5 deaths were seen in September. Reviews have shown a delayed presentation at the unit. Message has been republicised about the importance of seeking help if there is reduced foetal movement. A request was made to the network to produce further videos by men aimed at men to ensure the message is getting through to partners.</p>	

The group discussed the importance of getting the message across that the hospital is Covid secure, so women know it is safer to attend than to not. Sara is thinking about producing pop up banners for supermarkets, GPs surgeries and anywhere people are still able to go during lockdown.

Laila is hoping to have video clips of local people talking about positive experiences of attending hospital in 5 different languages and should be ready in 2 to 3 weeks. Hope to put these on the BRI website as well as sent out through the networks.

Another fear is not having their partner with them if something is wrong. The message needs to be pushed out is that the partner does come to the appointment but waits outside or can attend virtually if they have the technology. If there is bad news, the partner would be brought in so the support is there for the women.

Amy is keen to produce content that can be shared on various websites and community areas and will keep the group informed.

Abbie Wild – Continuity for Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust

Amber, Acorn, and Multiples teams were launched in March 2020. Now have 7 teams are running. Home Birth team restarted in end of June. All teams are nearly back up to full capacity. Abbie hopes to create new teams at the end of the year and to enable at least 35% of women to be on the Continuity Pathway by March 2021.

Hospitals collect data throughout pregnancy to see what difference the Continuity Pathway makes. Abbie will share this data when it becomes available.

RP/LA to liaise on script and identify MVP members for filming

For queries about Homebirth Teams, please contact Emma or Abbie Wild.

Breast Feeding initiation rates have dropped during Covid but are starting to creep back up. Breast Feeding rates at discharge have remained much the same.

Wendy Toulmin - Airedale Hospital

Current Maternity Services policies are the same as BRI with a 1 hour visiting slot on the antenatal and postnatal wards and a partner attending at 12 week scan only.

They set up a Covid telephone and email helpline back in March. There has been no emails and very few calls until schools went back when it became very busy, mainly with pregnant teachers. This has now settled down.

Homebirths have continued, however occasionally they have had to suspend the service due to staffing but in general Homebirths have increased. Their Stillbirth rate is the same as last year.

Parent Education has been well attended recently with 556 people participating between Aprils to October. These sessions will be suspended until December due to the staffing change over. Poppy team is launching this month for vulnerable patients and the Bluebell team is back up and running at full capacity.

The local MVP Airedale meeting happened last week and the next will be in December. A Survey Monkey about women's experiences of maternity services during Covid was carried out. Results are still being collated and will feedback results to the network once they are available.

LA to liaise with WT

Breast Feeding initiation rates have had an increase of 1% year to date.

Public Platform for All Things Maternity

Laila explained that the first meeting happened on 8th September of the newly shaped Voluntary Sector Partners meetings. The aim was to encourage more women from the community to attend. 14 people attended, including 4 individuals who weren't part of an organisations.

There was a mixture of positives and negatives fed back from the birth stories shared. Positive feedback for midwife teams, and Home Birth Care. Negatives were for postnatal care and follow up with physio care. This has been fed back through the Grass Roots channel and through Health Watch. The meeting facilitated a dialogue between the women and the voluntary sector partners. Some of the women didn't know these services existed.

Referrals to some of the Voluntary Sector Organisations did drop in lockdown. Some services reopened but again things changed with the localised lockdown. One positive to note is that Bradford does have strong networks and links, this is down to the CCGs and other forums and other networks.

Aliya noted on the chat that the LMS have been written to by Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent, Chief Midwifery Officer and has asked the Maternity Voices Partnership to co-produce a communication plan with BTFHT maternity teams. All the discussions today on our ideas of posters pop ups / videos in languages will be added to this plan. The recommendations also include to increase support to BAME women and minimize the risk of low vitamin D and to ensure we collate correct data.

**Joint BAME
Women Comms
Plan Produced**

<p>4.</p>	<p>Lisa Milne - Clinical Lead for Perinatal Mental Health and Psychological Therapist including Parent – Infant Therapy</p> <p>Lisa wasn't able to attend today but will attend the next meeting in December to deliver her presentation around perinatal mental health.</p>	<p>Agenda item for next main meeting.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Member News</p> <p>Sayma Mirza Act as One is looking systems to improve maternity and births experiences. Better Births is one programme within Act as One and there are 6 others. Want to pull together the different strands across Bradford an Airedale and looking at how to standardise the systems across the area. Act as One are holding an event on 26th November between 10am and 2pm and would like to have a speaker from this network. Sayma to forward information to Laila and Aliya and someone will attend.</p> <p>Jane Dickens Breast Feeding Basics Training available to all. Parent Infant Relationship Training is offered in 3 sessions. Jane will send through the dates to Laila and the information will send out to the group and put on the WHN Facebook page.</p> <p>Carolyn Sadler Public Health are waiting to see if we have 4 years of RIC funding to work on reducing smoking in pregnancy in City ward. Do have funding for community education around genetic inheritance. Hoping to expand on the work that has already happened in Bradford.</p>	<p>SM to forward event info to L/A</p> <p>JD to forward training info to LA</p>

	<p>Public Health Communications are here to help to push out messages that have been discussed today.</p> <p>Shelley Franklin – Kelly Bradford Volunteer Doulas have opened up their volunteer programme. Please share the post on the Bradford Doulas Facebook page. Moving towards more face to face activity. Have been dropping off baby bank packs and food bank packs and working with the midwife teams, specifically the Acorn team.</p> <p>Judith Nevin Bradford Breast Feeding Buddies have been working throughout the pandemic too and have had small sessions on Zoom to support people. There was an initial drop off but now have seen an increase in referrals. There is an ongoing issue is with data sharing from the hospital as currently have to rely on mums getting in contact with us. Would like to see mums before they get into difficulties with breast feeding.</p> <p>Maha Alomari City of Sanctuary work with Refugees and Asylum Seeker women who need support in pre- and post-partum period. Please forward our details to any women who we could help. Currently we have virtual meetings but hope to carry out in person meetings next month. Maha will email Laila the City of Sanctuary flier to promote the service.</p>	<p>MA to email City of Sanctuary flier to LA</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Chat Box Text 10:35:44 From Sara Hollins: Morning. I will need to leave around 11.45 for another meeting. 10:38:55 From Laila Ahmed : no problem Sara</p>	

11:10:43 From Carolyn Sadler: yes Sara and Amy please let us know any info we can produce guidance or share with PH comms.

11:16:34 From Sara Hollins: Bit random, but wondered if anyone has any contacts within the Snoike/Gambian community?

11:17:41 From Shelley Franklin-King: you could try refugee action as a starting point maybe?

11:18:18 From Laila Ahmed : Baisan a VCS org may be able to help , not sure if they are open will forward their email contact

11:20:02 From Sara Hollins: Thank you!

11:20:49 From Shelley Franklin-King : amazing about Airedale on AN education

11:25:49 From Sara Hollins: Laila, can you send the Bradford feedback to us so that we can address and feedback?

11:28:43 From Aliya (Chair) : Wendy - it would be great to do a joint public platform to increase service user attendance

11:28:44 From Abbie Wild: Hi Jane, Caroline emailed you on the 17th so hopefully you have the full data. BF initiation rates have dropped during covid but are starting to creep back up. BF rates at discharge have remained much the same. Let me or Caroline know if you need anything else x

11:30:20 From jane dickens : Thanks Abbie, I'll pick

11:30:53 From jane dickens : Thanks Abbie I'll pick that up again from Caroline, great, thanks v much

11:34:52 From Sayma mirza : thanks Aliya and Laila - I will email you to discuss the event further

11:35:24 From Jenny Pratt CNet Bradford : Contact for MVP at CNet Laila@cnet.org.uk and Yazmin@cnet.org.uk, Thanks

11:35:27 From Laila Ahmed: Hi Sara... will forward you the feedback this afternoon and will do that following each meeting

**LA to forward
Baisan email
details to SH**

11:37:15 From Abbie Wild: We will be welcoming Rea back with open arms in October so things will be getting much better soon!

11:37:58 From jane dickens: Will be great to have Rea back, I'll try not to swamp her with questions, I intend to swamp with support!

11:38:01 From Aliya (Chair): during covid - LMS have been written to by Prof Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent Chief Midwifery Officer (for MVP to co-produce with maternity to create a Coms plan - so all the discussions today on our ideas of posters pop ups / videos in languages etc will be added to this plan. The recommendations also include to; increase support to BAME women / minimise risk of vit D and ensure we collate correct data

11:40:24 From Sayma mirza : that sounds great Aliya - will be really interested to see how that progresses

11:40:52 From Amy Tatham: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

11:41:33 From Carolyn Sadler : thank you x

11:41:33 From Sara Hollins: Sorry, I've got to leave now. Take care.

11:41:40 From Wendy Toulmin : shared from Airedales End

11:41:49 From jane dickens : bye Sara

11:43:41 From Graham Carey-Briggs : Hi Jane, I would be interested in sharing round the info about your training, if you could email me that would be great-
graham.carey@nspcc.org.uk

11:43:45 From Wendy Toulmin: Carolyn our community midwifery manager has just asked about the Public health covid leaflets that were produced. Please can we have more?

11:46:00 From Carolyn Sadler: yes Wendy which ones in particular do you need. please could you email me on Carolyn.sadler@bradford.gov.uk thank you

11:47:30 From Wendy Toulmin: Hi Carolyn all of them please!!

11:49:13 From Wendy Toulmin: Hi Sorry everyone I need to dash. Thank you for making me feel welcome todaylovely to see you all take care and please keep me on the list until we have have Holly in post.

11:49:25 From Aliya (Chair) : thanks Wendy x

	<p>11:49:36 From Graham Carey-Briggs : NSPCC Pregnancy In Mind, has had some success with referrals from Bradford, which is great! We welcome referrals for women 12-36 weeks of pregnancy, who are experiencing anxiety / depression or are at risk of. Please phone, 01274 381440- to discuss referrals. Thanks Graham (I've got to leave now)</p> <p>11:49:37 From jane dickens : bye Wendy lovely to see you</p> <p>11:50:02 From Shelley Franklin-King: I highly recommend Maha and the maternity stream! Such a support community.</p> <p>11:53:16 From Aliya (Chair): I'm so sorry for my muteness today!!!</p> <p>11:53:58 From Carolyn Sadler : great to see you Aliya</p> <p>11:54:12 From Abbie Wild: Modern technology eh Aliya! No worries. Lovely to see everyone. Thank you all x</p> <p>11:54:16 From Aliya (Chair) : you too Carolyn, happy birthday</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 10th December 2020. 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. Zoom</p>	