



**Maternity Voices Partnership – Bradford (MVP)**  
**Public Platform for All Things Maternity**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June May 2021, 10.30am – 12.30pm on Zoom**

**Present:** Aliya Fazil (Chair), Yazmin Shah (CNet), Samina Koser (CNet – freelancer minutes), Julie Newbold (NCT), Charlotte Hamilton Lorraine Pryce (Mama2Mama), Alison Brown (Better Start Bradford), Caz Merrett, Steph Crefin (NHS), Mikaela (NHS), Maha Alomari (City of Sanctuary), Salma Ahmad, Gina Melia (BTHFT), Saadiya Rahman (Service User ) Katie Waine (NHS Derbyshire), Helen Avdiyovski (BTHFT), Salhia Ahmed (Bradford Doulas), Emma Fleary (BTHFT), Gina Melia (BTHFT), Bernie Morley.

**Apologies:** Melissa Ryan Thomas (Thornbury Centre), Laila Ahmed (CNet)

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| 1.   | <b>Welcome / Introductions/Apologies</b><br><br>AF chaired the meeting. AF welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were made.<br><br>Previously these meeting were known as voluntary sector partners meetings. With the re branding of the name, the aim is engage and reach more individual parents as well as the current voluntary sector partner membership. |        |

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|           | <p>These meetings provide a safe space where women, partners, and families can meet and share their personal experiences of maternity care received .Voluntary sector partners also attend and contribute, the main themes and issues identified are then fed back into our MVP main meetings.</p>   |  |
| <b>2.</b> | <p><b>Home Birth Team:</b></p> <p>Steph advised they are a team of seven, who work on an on-call model, 7 days a week. They provide antenatal care that provides lots of home birth opportunities.</p> <p>Initially the caseload was under 50 cases and has since tripled. Due to covid and restrictions around the wards, people wanting to stay away from the hospital environments has meant a lot more women have considered homebirth options.</p> <p>Planned homebirth rate has been the highest at 2.8. There has been no emergency transfers.</p>  |  |
| <b>3.</b> | <p><b>Saadiya Rahman</b></p> <p>Saadiya shared her positive homebirth experience. Her first two births were at the hospital. This third birth was at home with the support from Steph and Mikaela.</p> <p>Saadiya shared her husband’s positive comments around the homebirth and his inclusion in the birthing process.</p> <p>Saadiya highlighted some women in the Asian communities may not have the option of a homebirth due to living with in-laws. They may not necessary feel comfortable having a home birth with extended family members being in the home.</p> <p>Saadiya is a make- up artist and has a large fan following on Social Media. Saadiya informed she was more than happy to use her platform to spread the word on homebirths/breastfeeding etc.</p> |  |

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| 4. | <p><b>Alison Brown</b></p> <p>A suggestion was made on collaborating with MVP, Better Start Bradford and the Homebirth Team during Baby Week in November 2021.</p>  |  |
| 5. | <p><b>Lorraine Pryce</b></p> <p>Information was shared on how Lorraine's photography of black and brown people birthing and parenting experience has been picked up by a local charity to be shared at an exhibition at the commonwealth theatre from July-August 2021.</p> <p>If anyone would like to be involved in the project, doulas, midwives, mums, dads, or anyone whom has been part of the birth and/or parenting experience, should contact Lorraine on;</p> <p><a href="mailto:mama2mamadoula@outlook.com">mama2mamadoula@outlook.com</a></p>   |  |
| 6. | <p><b>Dates and time for MVP Public Platform For All Things Maternity Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 10:30-12:00pm (via zoom)</b></p>   |  |
| 7. | <p><b>Chat Box Text:</b></p> <p>10:47:07      From Aliya-Chair : Hi Saadiya thank you for joining - we are just having an update from the home birth team</p> <p>11:01:47      From Alison Brown: Really sounds brilliant, great development!</p> <p>11:02:02      From Alison Brown: Well done to you all!</p> <p>11:02:18      From Lorraine Pryce: Really great work from the home birth team, thank you!</p> <p>11:02:30      From Steph Crefin: home.birth@nhs.net</p> <p>11:07:34      From Alison Brown: Thank you Steph, I will pass this on to the mum I mentioned.</p> <p>11:07:52      From katie.waine@nhs.net Waine : would it be possible to get a copy of your minutes c</p> <p>11:08:06      From katie.waine@nhs.net Waine : pls katie.waine@nhs.net from Derbyshire MVP</p> |  |

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| 11:08:11 | From katie.waine@nhs.net Waine : your meeting is brill   |  |
| 11:09:48 | From Yazmin Shah: Thank you Katie and welcome, of course you will get the minutes.   |  |
| 11:12:10 | From Alison Brown: Are any of the midwives in the home birth team trained in hypnotherapy?   |  |
| 11:12:20 | From Alison Brown: Midwives, sorry!  |  |
| 11:12:50 | From Steph Crefin: I have competed a course recently   |  |
| 11:13:09 | From Alison Brown: Wonderful!  |  |
| 11:14:37 | From Sal (Bradford Doulas) : That's fantastic to hear Saadia - thank you for sharing your story, especially the benefits of shared terminology and language  |  |
| 11:15:56 | From Helen Avdiyovski: So proud!   |  |
| 11:17:31 | From Alison Brown: Mums love continuity! Brilliant to be able to offer this.   |  |
| 11:19:05 | From Alison Brown: So great that now home birth is supported and offered to ALL women regardless of 'risk' - very impressive.  |  |
| 11:19:32 | From Sal (Bradford Doulas): I second that Alison!  |  |
| 11:21:06 | From Alison Brown: Is part of the data collected how many named midwives attend the birth of 'their' mums?   |  |
| 11:21:34 | From Helen Avdiyovski : Yes it is  |  |
| 11:22:02 | From Steph Crefin: he's it is collect  |  |
| 11:22:11 | From Alison Brown: Thanks Helen - assume this is published in the monthly data? Very interesting.  |  |
| 11:22:28 | From Steph Crefin: it is collected and reported to lms   |  |
| 11:22:50 | From Helen Avdiyovski : Yes its part of the monthly figures we collect and report to the LMS   |  |
| 11:23:42 | From Alison Brown: What a great start for baby!  |  |
| 11:23:58 | From Julie Newbold: On a personal note, this is bringing up so many memories for me of my own lovely home birth experience. I can hear the buzz and joy in your voice Saadiya. I can see how empowering this has been for you. Honestly it stays with you for a long time.....mine was 15 years ago! |  |
| 11:24:47 | From Alison Brown: 33 years for me! Wish every mum could talk so wonderfully about their births - this is the aim surely!  |  |
| 11:30:35 | From Alison Brown: Some good events on this week for anyone interested in infant mental health! Check out the BSB webpage.   |  |
| 11:33:01 | From Charlotte Hamilton: I'm ALMOST tempted to have another baby Saadiya sells it well ;-)   |  |
| 11:34:26 | From Yazmin Shah: Charlotte we have an amazing home birth team, so you will be in the best hands possible ;)   |  |
| 11:36:55 | From Alison Brown: We have had dads involved in home birth workshops in the past, and dads-to-be found it very valuable.   |  |

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|  | <p>11:39:10 From Charlotte Hamilton: A midwife commented at the time that it would have been very dangerous, for baby AND me if we'd been at home. Her comment never left me :-(</p> <p>11:40:40 From Sal (Bradford Doulas): A joint case-study / article with the home-birth team &amp; Saadia would be amazing to have/share!</p> <p>11:41:41 From Charlotte Hamilton: Do we have the resources needed to encourage an uptake in home births?</p> <p>11:43:33 From Sal (Bradford Doulas): MVP have previously held a Birth stories cafe - maybe this for Baby Week?</p> <p>11:43:50 From Alison Brown: Lovely idea Sal!</p> <p>11:44:56 From Alison Brown: Good question Charlotte - do the service have any targets or limitations around births at home?</p> <p>11:47:09 From Julie Newbold: Sorry I have to leave for another meeting. Fab meet this morning. Thanks Saadiya for sharing your story and the wonderful home birth team.</p> <p>Lorraine I would love to share a shout out about your project to the mums who access the Bradford Breastfeeding Buddies service. Please email me at Julie.newbold@nct.org.uk</p> <p>11:47:17 From Lorraine Pryce : mama2mamadoula@outlook.com</p> |  |
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