

Derbyshire Maternity and Neonatal Voices meeting updates



Dear All,
many thanks to those who attended our informal catch up on Wednesday 26th of January, it was great to see so many of you and great to have new faces join us. Thank you for all your questions, comments and offers of support! Below please find a summary of what was discussed and our latest updates.

Welcome to Michelle!

A big thank you and welcome to Michelle who is joining us as our volunteer Engagement Lead for North Derbyshire. Michelle will be helping us to widen our reach in and around Chesterfield, engage with the community and build contacts to ensure DMNV is more well known and organising events. We really appreciate your time and help!

We are also on the lookout for a volunteer Engagement Lead for South Derbyshire -if this sounds like something you might enjoy, send us a message!

Formalising the DMNV Committee

As we prepare for our first Annual General Meeting (which will take place in March -date TBC soon) we need to formalise the core members that make up the DMNV Committee. In practice this means committing to attending our quarterly board meetings. We also need to ensure that our committee membership reflects the Terms of Reference (see attached) where, for instance, service users (and service user representatives) make up a minimum one third of total core membership. If you would like to be named as a core DMNV Committee member, please send us an email to let us know. Remaining contacts will be DMNV associate members.

WELCOME TO
MICHELLE

FORMALISING OUR
COMMITTEE

PROMOTIONAL
MATERIAL

NEONATAL UPDATES

COPRODUCTION
TRAINING

INDUCTION OF LABOUR

INFANT FEEDING

VOLUNTEERING

Promotional Material

We are working hard with a graphic designer to finalise our brand new logo, posters and leaflets. We are looking forward to sharing all this material with you soon and will really appreciate your help in distributing them widely!

Neonatal Updates

Thank you to Faye for updating us on the ongoing neonatal project. A series of focus groups are set to take place online in February bringing together parents with experience of neonatal care, responses have been very encouraging so far with lots of interest shown.

Faye is continuing to liaise with neonatal staff at CRH and looking to build contacts with UHDB neonatal staff as well. Lots of ideas are in the pipeline, from organising a NICU video tour, to putting together guides full of practical tips for NICU parents, as well as featuring neonatal themes more prominently on our social media accounts. CRH is set to publish their new neonatal infographics, thanks to Nicola, which is sure to be welcomed by many parents and will help to raise awareness on neonatal issues.

FREE National Maternity Voices Co-production Training -spaces left

A few spaces are still left on a co-production training event held by National Maternity Voices on the 9th of February, which is open to all MVPs in the Midlands. We really recommend these training events as they give a great insight into how to work effectively as and with an MVP. Get in touch for further details!

Induction of Labour Project

DMNV are very excited to have joined the outpatient induction working group at Chesterfield Royal. Together we are designing an in-depth survey to gauge the experiences of service users who have had an induction or declined the offer of an induction. A face to face service user engagement event on this theme will also take place in Chesterfield in March. If you have an interest in inductions, would like to get involved in this project, helping us with the survey, event or reaching more people, don't hesitate to let us know.

Infant Feeding

We are working with Siobhan, Infant Feeding Specialist Midwife at Chesterfield on a variety of projects, including a series of antenatal education videos on infant feeding. We shall be recording these at the end of February. If there are any topics or themes that you would like to be discussed, send us a message!

Volunteering. A variety of roles up for grabs -contact us for more details:

- Social Media Lead
- Treasurer
- Engagement Lead for South Derbyshire

We also have a need for support with **various specific tasks:**

- Could you spare some time to help us on a small communication project?
- Are you interested in helping us progress our work with the Birth Companions charity <https://www.birthcompanions.org.uk> supporting pregnant people at Foston Hall prison?
- Do you have an interest in fundraising? Chesterfield Royal would like a hand with fundraising initiatives for more telemetry units (wireless fetal heart rate monitors that help to maintain mobility during labour).

If any of these are of interest to you, feel free to send us a message!

Thank you for your time and support! Don't hesitate to get in touch for any comments, questions or to get involved!

Anne Marie & Shilpa - DMNV Co-Chairs
ddccg.derbyshirematernityvoices@nhs.net