



## NEWS FROM DERBY AND BURTON

This month we have made great strides in **forging new relationships** and progressing our work in the Derby and Burton area.

On the 6th of May we attended a reception at **Royal Derby Hospital** to meet **Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent**, Chief Midwifery Officer for England. We asked about the role of Maternity Voice Partnerships, such as ours, in service improvement and it was encouraging to hear how she is **championing the work of MVPs** at the most senior levels.



In May a group of DMNV volunteers met with **Derby Community Parent Programme** to discuss joint-working. Plans are now underway for **monthly coffee mornings in Derby City Centre**, which will be attended by **DCPP trained peer supporters, DMNV volunteers** and **members of staff from UHDB**. Dates are being finalised and will be shared soon!

We also met with **Community Action Derby**, a charity providing support and guidance for voluntary and community groups. It was great to hear of all their projects with local groups and already have further meetings lined up to explore work together

Many thanks to those who attended our meeting on Thursday the 26th of May! Here is a summary of what we discussed & latest news. If you have any questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to get it touch!  
 Very best wishes,  
 Anne Marie, Chair of DMNV

on issues such as **health inequalities**, as well as participating in an upcoming community forum event.



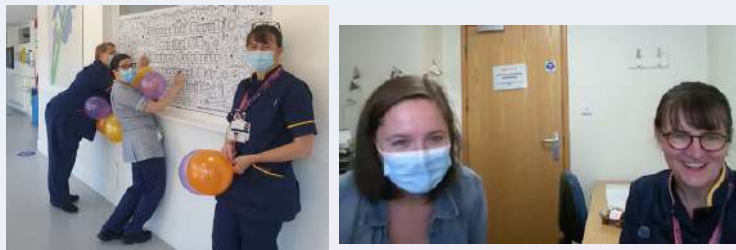
Jen Docherty and Fran Powers from the **Staffordshire and Stoke-On-Trent MNVP** joined us at our monthly online meeting and spoke to us about their MNVP. We are working closely together with regards to the Burton site, particularly on the **upcoming 15 Steps**, set to take place on July 5th at Royal Derby Hospital and July 12th at Queen's Burton.

We also recently had the pleasure of talking with **Natasha Stringer**, UHDB's newly appointed, **Deputy Head of Midwifery for Risk and Clinical Governance**. We're looking forward to lots of work together in the coming months!

We have had great meetings with UHDB staff on a range of issues this month, from **improving representation**, inclusivity and diversity in the Trusts communications, to discussing **homebirths, support for vulnerable women** and the importance of **continuity of carer**. If any of this is of interest, don't hesitate to contact us!

## NEWS FROM CHESTERFIELD

We kicked off May with a bang, celebrating the **International Day of the Midwife**, May 5th, at Chesterfield Royal.



We also held our first ever **Facebook Live Q&A with Amanda Mansfield**, Chesterfield Royal's new Head of Midwifery. We discussed the amazing role of the midwife, Amanda's hopes for her work at the Trust, **the importance of listening to families** as well as inclusivity, diversity and representation and Maternal Mental Health Week. We're looking forward to more Facebook Live events soon with the **Infant Feeding Lead midwives** from both Trusts, dates to be announced soon.

This month in particular we have been working with Chesterfield Royal staff to review the **mater-**

**-nity website section**. Participation from parents is very welcomed. **We would love to hear your thoughts!**

In May we also met the team behind **Gussie's Kitchen**, a community shop based in Birdholme, Chesterfield, supporting people in need. A lot of **families with young children** are members of Gussie's so we are looking forward to working together, so parents are able to reach out, share their experiences and have their say in the development of maternity and neonatal services.



The event aimed at hearing from younger parents on their experiences of infant feeding, set for the 25th of May, was postponed to mid July, and we look forward to reporting back on this.

## SUPPORTING DERBYSHIRE MATERNITY & NEONATAL VOICES

There are many ways to get involved in our work, any time that you can contribute is greatly appreciated!

- We are **recruiting** for various **volunteer roles: Vice Chair, Neonatal Lead, Social Media Lead and Treasurer**. For the full role descriptions, send us an email!
- Every month we attend many meetings, both online and in person, with hospital staff and community groups, on a vast range of issues. **Attending some of these meetings** can really help to get a better **understanding of why our work matters** and how **your voice and experience** can make a **difference**. If you're interested, give us a shout!
- Our newly printed **posters and leaflets** are finally here! Do you **attend** antenatal or postnatal **classes, baby groups or events** with other parents? Would you be willing to **distribute our leaflets** at these events and let parents know about DMNV and how they can share their feedback? Get in touch with us!



**We've just launched a new DMNV Whatsapp Group! Send us a message at 07341099798 to join, and receive reminders about upcoming meetings, latest news and requests for support!**

Improving maternity & neonatal services with you!

# Cake, Chat & Craft

with  
Derbyshire Maternity and Neonatal Voices



Yummy cake, toys & snacks for the kids!



Share your feedback on your experiences of care



Maternity art & crafts with Midwife Lucy

**14th of June 2022**  
@Monkey Park Cafe'  
128a Chester St, Chesterfield

To book your spot:  
 f @DerbysMNVP 07341099798  
 ddcg.derbyshirematernityvoices@nhs.net




Everyone welcome to join us on June 14th at 10.30 in Brampton, Chesterfield! Come along for an informal chat, plenty of cake and a fun craft session!

### Dates for the Diary

- 14th of June at 10.30- Cake, Chat & Craft in Chesterfield
- 16th of June at 10- DMNV Quarterly Board Meeting, via MS Teams
- 16th of June - JUCD Maternity Personalised Care Webinar for staff
- 5th of July - 15 Steps Royal Derby
- 6th of July - DMNV Homebirth Working Group
- 12th of July - 15 Steps Burton



**Any questions or comments?  
Want to find out more?  
Get in touch!**

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