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Redesigning Maternity Services Together

Over 4,800 babies are born every year at The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH), either at the Bath Birthing Centre at the RUH's Combe Park site, Birth Centres in Chippenham, Frome, Paulton and Trowbridge Birth or at home. We're currently looking at the maternity services we provide, to make sure we are getting it right for women and families, both now and in the future.

Amanda Gell, Senior Midwifery Matron at the RUH says, "We know choosing where to have your baby is a big decision and our aim is that all women and families in our care have a positive birth experience. To help us in our planning for the future we want to understand what matters most to those who use our services. We're really keen to hear from as many people as possible."

The Trust is holding friendly, informal discussion groups on:

- Monday 27th February 2017, 1-3.30pm
Victoria Hall, Church Street, Radstock BA3 3QG
- Tuesday 7th March 2017, 1-3.30pm
Assembly Hall, Market Place, Melksham SN12 6ES

Women and families who have used the RUH's maternity services, as well as individuals or groups who have a special interest in pregnancy, birth and postnatal care are welcome to attend. Babies and young children are welcome, however crèche facilities are not available. Please contact ruh-tr.maternityredesign@nhs.net to book a space. An online survey is available for those unable to attend a group session www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Maternitytogether or you can share your views via email ruh-tr.maternityredesign@nhs.net.

Amanda adds "It's really early days in the process, but we have a great opportunity to take a fresh look at what we are offering. We are committed to providing high quality care, provided by the right combination of staff in an appropriate environment and we need your help to understand what this could look like for the mothers and families we support."

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Notes to Editor:

More information is available on the RUH website

http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/redesigning_maternity_services/