

What is a Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP)?

A Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) is an independent team made up of:

- Women, their partners and their families; Providers (people who deliver services such as midwives and doctors)
- Commissioners (people who plan, buy and monitor services)
- The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - commissioning health services
- The Local Authority (LA) - commissioning public health and social care and support services

What is the purpose of an MVP?

- A Maternity Voices Partnership provides a way for this team of people to design and improve maternity care together. All these different people working together to share ideas and identify solutions for the design and improvement of maternity care is called co-production.
- The function of the MVP is more than simply to listen; it is a way of discussing challenges and ways of overcoming them. The group aims to constantly update and improve the quality of maternity care for everyone, regardless of who they are or where they live, so everyone has access to the same quality of care.

The Five Principles of an MVP



To use personal experiences as evidence.



To work together as equals, promoting and valuing participation. To listen to and seek out the voices of all women, families and carers using maternity services, making sure people from diverse communities have a voice, especially those voices that are difficult to hear.



To work together creatively and with respect, to develop solutions.

To hunt for continuous quality improvement with a particular focus on closing inequality gaps.



To understand the importance of staff experiences and how that impacts on experiences for women, families and carers (and vice versa).



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