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Subject: Maternity Support Services

REQUEST

I am reaching out to gather more information on the services offered by Trust (in both hospitals) that fits the criteria.

The criteria I am referring to is pregnant women and new mothers who are on low income/ experiencing complex social factors (e.g. Asylum seekers or refugee status, poverty, DV).

I am interested in finding out the services offered by the Trust that specifically target this patient demographic.

I am interested in understanding:

1. The nature of the services provided
2. The target population of the services
3. Geographical reach
4. Any feedback from previous/current service users
5. How they differ from standard NHS services - how are they unique to the Trust?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

Southport and Ormskirk response

There are no services targeted at the patient demographic requested. Midwives refer to other agencies for support for these service users. Examples may be "The Lullaby Trust", "Early Help", Childrens Centres.

STHK response

The nature of the services provided

Antenatal and postnatal continuity provided by a team of midwives.

The target population of the services

- Women 16 and under Women
- 19 and under with one or more criteria met (or individual assessment of other significant vulnerability can be sent for assessment of suitability)
- Disability
- Refugee / Asylum seeker with no resource
- All Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic Women with one or more of the following:
 1. None English Speaking Requiring Obstetric Led Care
 2. FGM All women with disclosure of Female Genital Mutilation
 3. Requiring obstetric led care
 4. Any other amethyst criteria met
- All women with Level 3 or 4 Safeguarding concerns at booking All women escalated to Level 3 or 4 during pregnancy up to 28 weeks gestation
- Women with no fixed abode
- Disclosure of current domestic abuse at booking
- Disclosure of current domestic during pregnancy up to 28 weeks gestation
- Disclosure of previous domestic abuse and assessment made that woman remains at significant risk.
- Intravenous Drug User (current or previous)
- Current or recent (last 12 months) of the following:
 1. Methadone
 2. Buprenorphine (subcutex)
 3. Cannabis
 4. Crack or Cocaine
 5. Dependant use of Alcohol
 6. Poly-drug user
 7. Regular Opiate use Heroin

Geographical reach

St Helens, Knowsley and Halton

Any feedback from previous/current service users

Information not held

How they differ from standard NHS services - how are they unique to the Trust?

Team work with targeted criteria rather than location based