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Maternity Information

I'm looking at information on maternity service public websites, but also want to include any other information that may be given to women about choosing where to give birth / information on different birthplace options (obstetric unit vs. midwifery unit vs. home). For example, this may be paper leaflets / information sheets, weblinks, or information on closed online groups.

Please could you send me a copy of any information given to women that isn't on the website? It would be really helpful if you could also confirm if there is no hard copy / online information given to women other than what is on the website, so I know not to follow up.

Although maternity services have moved to an electronic maternity record, women are still provided with a Maternity Handheld Record. This includes information on place of birth and the current evidence relating to birthplace options. The Handheld Record also contains a link to The Pregnancy Book, with Section 2 covering information on place of birth. Copies of these documents are attached, please refer to:
37607 FOI request - maternity information_Attachment 1

In addition, Belfast Trust provides a specific information leaflet for the Active Birth Centre (ABC). This leaflet is available via the link below and is also promoted through a QR code provided to women.

Based on our review, these are the additional sources of information provided to women regarding birthplace options beyond the information available on the public website.

<https://view.pagetiger.com/cgmfhyw/ABCCleafletforQRcodeupdated.pdf>

