

Tackling health inequalities through developing evidence-based policy and practice with childbearing women in prison: a consultation

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Appendix One: Organisational Information

The Hallam Centre for Community Justice at Sheffield Hallam University

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The Hallam Centre for Community Justice is a dynamic research driven centre that delivers services to a variety of clients throughout the community and criminal justice sector, covering the following areas:

- applied research
- action research
- evaluations
- Information exchange and consultancy
- continuing professional development

We have a broad range of experience and expertise which effectively combines academic, professional, managerial, administrative, knowledge management and research skills. The HCCJ's mission is to *stimulate and produce high quality knowledge, understanding and networking in the field of community and criminal justice through the linked provision of information exchange, networking, professional development, consultancy, evaluation and research.*

The Mother and Infant Research Unit, Department of Health Sciences, University of York

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The Mother and Infant Research Unit (MIRU) is a multidisciplinary research unit that aims to improve the health and care of childbearing women, their babies and families through high quality research and informing practice and policy. We have a focus on addressing inequalities in health. We work across the UK as well as having close links with international colleagues and agencies. We conduct empirical research and systematic reviews, and supervise postgraduate students. We lead the Maternal and Infant Health and Care theme of the Yorkshire and Humber Health Innovation and Education Cluster (HIEC), which aims to drive the implementation of evidence-based practice change. *We are committed to the integration of research and education and to the cycle which takes research through into practice; and we work closely with the NHS and related agencies to examine ways of effectively using evidence to inform policy and practice. Our working practices are collaborative, cross-sectoral, and interdisciplinary.*

Appendix Two: Expert Panel Activity 1

Consultation no.1 - Online Expert Panel

Statement One

HMPS should centrally collate and publish the numbers and location of pregnant prisoners as well as details of babies born in prison (including birth weights, fetal abnormalities, stillbirths, miscarriage, infant/maternal mortality)

Most impact¹⁰¹ if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible¹⁰² to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible

What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Statement Two

A pregnancy Prison Service Order should be created to ensure a high standard of care across the female prison estate

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible

What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Statement Three

Training for all MBU staff should be ongoing and tailored to meet the needs of individual MBUs

¹⁰¹ **Impact** – if this action was put into practice how likely would it be that it would have a positive impact?

¹⁰² **Feasibility** - how practical would it be to implement this action?

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible
What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Statement Four

HMPS should facilitate improved information sharing and networking for staff working with pregnant women/mothers in prison, across criminal justice and healthcare sectors (e.g. regular events for sharing of best practice)

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible
What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Statement Five

HMPS should seek to obtain more evidence on the needs of the most vulnerable groups of pregnant women/mothers in prison (e.g. young women, foreign nationals) in order to provide the best possible care

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible
What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Appendix Three: Expert Panel Activity 2

Consultation no. 2 - Online Expert Panel

Recommendation One

All MBUs should have a member of prison staff physically present to provide 24 hour cover for mothers and babies residing on the unit

Most impact¹⁰³ if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible¹⁰⁴ to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible

What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Recommendation Two

Peer support schemes should be introduced in all MBUs (for example where residents support each other in labour, with breast feeding and with general childcare skills)

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible

What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Recommendation Three

A mandatory educational programme for pregnant women and mothers on MBUs should be available in all MBUs (this could include issues around parent craft, nutrition, family-life skills and health)

¹⁰³ **Impact** – if this action was put into practice how likely would it be that it would have a positive impact?

¹⁰⁴ **Feasibility** - how practical would it be to implement this action?

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible
What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Recommendation Four

More research should be conducted to provide an evidence base on the benefits of mothers and babies residing in MBUs (including robust data on health outcomes for women and babies and re-offending rates)

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible
What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Recommendation Five

The upper age limit for children residing in MBUs should be flexible and based upon the individual needs and development of the child

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible
What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Recommendation Six

Protocols should be developed for ensuring effective communication between health, social care and criminal justice agencies when pregnant women/women with young babies are taken into custody and when they are released from custody

Most impact if implemented 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least impact
Most feasible to implement 5 >> 4 >> 3 >> 2 >> 1 Least feasible

What are the key barriers to implementing this recommendation?

How can these barriers be overcome?

Can you provide any examples of good practice from your experience?

Appendix Four: Expert Panel Activity 3

Consultation no. 3 - Online Expert Panel

Section One: Introduction and Background

This section introduces the pilot project and provides an overview of the background to the consultation.

Please insert any comments regarding the clarity of the text (using page numbers if appropriate):

Section Two: Consultation Activities

This section outlines the methods adopted during the consultation.

Please insert any comments regarding the clarity of the text (using page numbers if appropriate):

Section Three: Scoping review- Narrative of Findings

The narrative of findings section is designed to provide an overview of the health needs, approaches to current provision and outcomes for mothers and babies in prison. This section draws on available literature regarding these issues and highlights significant gaps in the evidence-base.

Please provide any comments on the clarity of the text and factual accuracy (using page numbers if appropriate):

Please provide details of any reports, evaluation findings or academic papers you feel need to be included in this brief scoping review:

Section Four: Findings from the Consultation

This section presents the findings of the consultation exercises under 5 key themes:

- 4.1. Developing the potential of childbearing women in prison
- 4.2. Mother and baby wellbeing
- 4.3. 'Realising' the benefits of MBUs
- 4.4. Developing the workforce
- 4.5. Multi-agency communication and collaboration

Please provide any comments on the clarity of the text or factual accuracy (using page numbers if appropriate):

This section presents the proposed practical strategies proposed by those participating in the consultation exercises under the same previous 5 topic areas:

- 5.2. Developing the potential of childbearing women in prison
- 5.3. Mother and baby wellbeing
- 5.4. 'Realising' the benefits of MBUs
- 5.5. Developing the Workforce

5.6. Multi-agency communication and collaboration

Please provide any comments on the clarity of the text or factual accuracy (use page numbers as appropriate):

Are there any other proposed activities that have not been identified under these five topic areas that you feel should be included?

Section Six: Next Steps

This section presents the proposed recommendations under the same previous 5 thematic areas:

- 6.1 Mother and baby wellbeing: Developing Pathways
- 6.2. 'Realising' the benefits of MBUs: A national structure
- 6.3. Enhancing partnership working
- 6.4 Developing the workforce and awareness raising
- 6.5 Future research agenda

6.6 Further consultation and dissemination activity

Please provide any comments on the clarity of the text or factual accuracy:

Further research

We are keen to continue the research into this area and would welcome your suggestions as to potential funding sources that you may be aware of. Please detail these below and indicate if you would be willing for us to contact you regarding further information that you may be able to provide about these funding sources.

Further dissemination

Are there other stakeholders in addition to those listed in 6.6 that we should disseminate this report to? Please detail these below

And finally please use this section to include any other, possibly more general thoughts about the report that you wish to express:

Appendix Five: MBU Manager Interview Schedule

Provide aims and objectives of consultation:

- Examine how prisons interact with health care agencies to meet the needs of childbearing women both inside and outside prison
- Obtain the views of key stakeholders around improving practice and tackling barriers to equity of health care for childbearing women in prison
- Identify existing good practice in this area
- Produce an evidence base to inform future policy development and practice in this area
- Use this local pilot work to inform the development of future research in this field (both locally and nationally and on an operational and strategic level)
- Provide details on what we've done so far (focus groups x 2), online expert panel and final consultation event

Outline focus of consultation:

To identify examples of best practice and/or 'ideal scenarios' in MBU delivery

To identify reports and policies we have not picked up through literature review

Topic areas to cover:

'Setting the Scene'

Can you outline the MBU provision you have at your establishment please?

What policies and procedures do you work to?

Communication (focus- partnerships with Health)

How do communication links between the MBU manager, any nursery managers and wider health staff work on a day-to-day basis?

Can you describe to me which health professionals (e.g. midwife, health visitor) you have most contact with?

Application Process

Can you talk me through your involvement in the MBU application process? (collaboration between social services, prison, probation, health staff and multi-agency board)

Mothering in the prison context

Can you outline the support and information for mothers provided at your MBU?

Post release from MBU:

Can you talk me through how this process is managed?

CLOSE: Are there any projects/reports/ policies we should be aware of?

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