







**Please let us understand and improve maternity care services in your area.** Your views are very important to us. They help us to understand more about the quality of NHS maternity care services offered in your area and what needs to be improved.

Taking part is **voluntary** and your responses will be completely **confidential**. None of the health or care professionals involved in your care will know whether or not you have responded.

Survey results will be analysed and national and local level results will be published in **December 2018.** For more information on how responses to this survey will be used, including additional comments, please see our **Privacy Notice** at <u>www.gov.scot/MaternitySurveyPrivacyNotice</u>.

**Please answer the questions about your most recent pregnancy**. Please use blue or black ink and don't worry if you make a mistake, simply cross it out and tick the correct answer.

For more information about this survey please read the enclosed letter or visit <u>www.gov.scot/maternitysurvey</u>.



Helpline

XXXX XXX XXX Monday to Friday

### 1. Care during your pregnancy (antenatal care)

**Q1** Roughly how many weeks pregnant were you when you had your 'booking' appointment (when you were given your notes and/or were seen by a midwife)?

1 0 to 7 weeks pregnant	4 2 weeks pregnant
<sup>2</sup> 8 or 9 weeks pregnant	$_{5}$ 3 or more weeks pregnant
<sup>3</sup> 10 or 11 weeks pregnant	<sup>6</sup> Don't know / can't remember

**Q2** During your pregnancy were you given a **choice** about **where** your antenatal checkups would take place? For example, at a health centre, GP surgery or at home.

1	Yes	3 🗌 No
2	Most of the time	4 Don't know / can't remember

Q3 If you saw a midwife for your **antenatal check ups**, did you see the same one every time?

1	Yes, every time	4	I only saw a midwife once
2	Yes, most of the time	5	I did not see a midwife
3	No	6	Don't know / can't remember

## **Q4** During your **antenatal check-ups**, were you given enough time to ask questions or discuss your pregnancy?

1	Yes, always	3 NO
2	Yes, sometimes	4 Don't know / can't remember

**Q5** Were you told who to contact if you needed any further advice or support **during your pregnancy**?

3 Don't know/ can't remember

**Q6 During your pregnancy**, if you contacted a midwife or midwifery team, were you given the help you needed?

1	Yes, always 4		I was not able to contact a midwife or the midwifery team
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<sup>2</sup> Yes, sometimes

No

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I was not offered any choices

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No

Don't know / can't remember

I did not contact a midwife or midwifery team

**Q7 During your pregnancy**, were you given enough information by health professionals on each of the following? *Please tick one box on each line*. *If a statement is not applicable, please leave that line blank.* 

	Yes, definitely	Yes, to some extent	No, but I would have found it useful	No, but I did not want/ need this	Don't know/ can't remember
Physical changes during pregnancy					
Emotional changes that may occur, such as low mood & anxiety					
Choices about where to give birth					
Pain relief options for labour & birth					
Options for feeding your baby					
Local support groups					
Benefits & financial support					

**Q8** Were you given the Ready, Steady, Baby book or a link to the website?

1 Yes and it was useful	4 No, but I did not want this
<sup>2</sup> Yes but it was not useful	<sup>5</sup> What is Ready, Steady, Baby?
<sup>3</sup> No, but I would have liked this	6 Don't know / can't remember

# **Q9** During your pregnancy were you offered any of the following choices about where to give birth to your baby? *Please tick all that apply*.

1	At hospital (midwives & doctors)	$_{5}$ I had no choices due to medical reasons
2	A midwife led unit (midwives only)	$_{6}$ Choices are limited in my area
3	At home	7 Don't know / can't remember

**Q10** Thinking about all the care you received **during your pregnancy**, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Please tick one box on each line*. *If a statement is not applicable, please leave that line blank.* 

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	I was listened to	1	2	3	4	5
	My personal circumstances were taken into account	1	2	3	4	5
	I was treated with kindness & understanding	1	2	3	4	5
	I understood the information & explanations I was given	1	1	3	4	5
	I was involved in decisions about my care as much as possible	1	2	3	4	5
	I was given the opportunity to involve the people that matter to me	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff provided help when I needed it	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff worked well together to organise my care	1	2	3	4	5
Q12	1       Excellent       2       Good         If there is anything else you would pregnant, please do so here.	<sup>3</sup> Fa		your care v		y poor /ere
2. \	our labour and the birth of you	r baby				
Q1:	At the very start of labour, did you support when you contacted a mid	-			priate advi	ce and
	<sup>1</sup> Yes $\rightarrow$ Go to Q14 <sup>3</sup> Id	id not conta	act a midv	vife or the ho	ospital $ ightarrow$ Go	o to Q14
_	<sup>2</sup> No $\rightarrow$ Go to Q14 <sup>4</sup> I di	id not expe	rience lab	bour $\rightarrow$ <b>Go to</b>	Q16	
Q14	During labour, were you able to n you most comfortable?	nove aroui	nd and c	hoose the p	osition tha	t made
	1 Yes, most of the time 4 N	lo, it was no	ot possibl	e due to mec	lical reason	S
	<sup>2</sup> Yes, sometimes <sup>5</sup> N	lo, but I did	n't want to	0		
	з 🗌 No					

Q15 Did you feel that you had enough help to enable you to cope with your pain during

labour?	
1 Yes, always	3 <b>No</b>
<sup>2</sup> Yes, most of the time	4 I did not want / need help
Q16 What type of birth did you have question about the baby who we	ve? If you had two or more babies, please fill in this was born first.
<sup>1</sup> A normal vaginal delivery –	→ Go to Q17
<sup>2</sup> An assisted vaginal delivery	$\gamma$ (e.g. with forceps or ventouse suction cup) $\rightarrow$ <b>Go to Q1</b>
<sup>3</sup> A planned caesarean delive	ery $\rightarrow$ Go to Q21
<sup>4</sup> An emergency caesarean d	lelivery $\rightarrow$ Go to Q19
Q17 Where did you give birth? 1 On a bed 2 On a mat on the floor	<ul> <li>In a water or birthing pool</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
Q18 What position were you in who	en your baby was born?
<sup>1</sup> Sitting / sitting supported by	y pillows 4 Lying flat /lying supported by pillows
2 On my side	5 Lying with legs in stirrups or held up
$_{3}$ Standing, squatting or knee	eling <sub>6</sub> Other
Q19 If you raised a concern during 1 Yes 2 No 3	<b>labour &amp; birth</b> , did you feel it was taken seriously?
<b>20</b> When you called / asked for ass within a reasonable time?	sistance during labour and birth, did you receive it
1 Yes, always	4 I didn't want / need assistance
<sup>2</sup> Yes, sometimes	5 Don't know / can't remember
3 🗌 No	
Q21 Did you have skin to skin conta your baby shortly after birth?	act (baby naked directly on your chest or tummy) with
<sup>1</sup> Yes	<sup>4</sup> No but this was not possible for medical reasons
<sup>2</sup> Yes but I did not want this	5 No, I did not want skin to skin contact with my baby

No

3

Q22	2 Did you give birth to a single baby, twins or more?							
	1   A single baby   2   Twins   3   Triplets, Quads or more							
Q23	Roughly how many weeks pregnant were you when your baby was born?							
	Less then 37 weeks 2 Between 37 & 40 weeks 3 More than 40 weeks							
Q24	Did the staff caring for you introduce themselves?							
	1 Yes, all of the staff introduced themselves							
	2 Some of the staff introduced themselves							
	$_{3}$ Very few or none of the staff introduced themselves							
_	4 Don't know / can't remember							
Q25	<b>Q25</b> During the birth, were you cared for by the same midwife / midwife team as during your pregnancy?							
	<sup>1</sup> Yes, always <sub>4</sub> No, but I did not mind							
	<sup>2</sup> Yes, most of the time <sub>5</sub> Don't know / can't remember							

- <sup>3</sup> No, but I would have liked this
- Q26 Thinking about your care **during labour and birth**, how much would you agree or disagree with the following statements about your experience? *Please tick one box on each line*. *If a statement is not applicable, please leave that line blank*.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I was listened to	1	2	3	4	5
I was treated with kindness & understanding	1	2	3	4	5
I was treated with respect & dignity	1	2	3	4	5
I was given the information & explanations I needed	1	2	3	4	5
I was given the opportunity to involve the people that matter to me	1	2	3	4	5
I was involved in decisions about my care as much as possible	1	2	3	4	5
Staff provided help when I needed it	1	2	3	4	5
Staff worked well together to organise my care	1	2	3	4	5

**Q27** Were you (and / or your partner of companion) left alone by midwives or doctors at a time when it worried you? *Please tick all that apply*.

1	<ul> <li>Yes, during early labour</li> <li>Yes, during the later stages of labour</li> <li>Yes, during the birth</li> <li>Yes, during the birth</li> <li>Don't know/ can't remember</li> </ul>
Q28	Overall, how would you rate the care you received during your labour and birth?         Excellent       2       Good       3       Fair       4       Poor       5       Very poor
Q29	f there is anything else you would like to tell us about <b>your labour and birth</b> , please do so here.
3. C	re in hospital or a midwife-led unit after the birth
Q30	Mhore wee your beby bern?
1	Where was your baby born? $\checkmark$ In hospital (midwives & doctors) $\rightarrow$ Go to Q31 $4$ $\square$ At home $\rightarrow$ Go to Q37In a midwife-led unit (midwives only) $\rightarrow$ Go to Q31 $5$ $\square$ Other $\rightarrow$ Go to Q37
1	In hospital (midwives & doctors) $\rightarrow$ <b>Go to Q31</b> 4 At home $\rightarrow$ <b>Go to Q37</b>

**Q33** When you left hospital or the midwife-led unit, did you know who to contact if you needed any further advice or support?

 1
 Yes
 2
 No
 3
 Don't know/ can't remember

Q34 Thinking about the care you received in hospital after the birth of your baby, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Please tick one box on each line. If a statement is not applicable, please leave that line blank.* 

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	I was listened to	1	2	3	4	5
	I was treated with dignity & respect	1	2	3	4	5
	I was treated with kindness & understanding	1	2	3	4	5
	I was given the information & explanations I needed	1	2	3	4	5
	I was given the opportunity to involve the people that matter to me	1	2	3	4	5
	I was involved in my baby's care as much as possible	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff provided help when I needed it	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff spent enough time with me	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff worked well together to organise our care	1	2	3	4	5
	<ul> <li>Q35 Overall, how would you rate the care you received in hospital or a midwife-led unit after the birth of your baby?</li> <li>1 Excellent 2 Good 3 Fair 4 Poor 5 Very poor</li> <li>Q36 If there is anything else you would like to tell us about your care in hospital or a midwife-led unit after the birth, please do so here.</li> </ul>					ery poor
4. Ca	are in a neonatal unit after the	birth				
	Was your baby admitted to a neor $_1$ $\bigcirc$ Yes $\rightarrow$ <b>Go to Q38</b>	natal unit?	I	Go to Q47		
1	<ul> <li>When was your baby first admitted to a neonatal unit?</li> <li>Immediately following birth</li> <li>Following initial discharge</li> <li>During postnatal hospital stay</li> </ul>					

Q39 How long did your baby stay in the neonatal unit?

1 Up to 1 day	4 1 to 4 weeks
2 1 to 4 days	5 More than 4 weeks
<sup>3</sup> 5 to 7 days	6 Don't know / can't remember

**Q40** Were you able to stay with your baby as much as you wanted? *Please tick all that apply*.

1	Yes	4	No, for medical reasons
2	No, I was restricted to visiting hours	5	No, for another reason
3	No, there was no accommodation		

**Q41** Did you have skin to skin contact (often called kangaroo mother care) with your baby in the neonatal unit as much as you wanted?

1 Yes	A No but this was not possible for medical reasons
<sup>2</sup> Yes but I did not want this	5 No, I did not want this
3 No	

**Q42** Thinking about the care your baby received in the neonatal unit, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Please tick one box on each line. If a statement is not applicable, please leave that line blank.* 

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My personal circumstances were taken into account	1	2	3	4	5
I was treated with kindness & understanding	1	2	3	4	5
I was given the information & explanations I needed	1	2	3	4	5
l was involved in my baby's care as much as possible	1	2	3	4	5
Staff provided help when I needed it	1	2	3	4	5
Staff worked well together to organise my baby's care	1	2	3	4	5

**Q43** When you called or asked for assistance whilst your baby was in neonatal care, did you receive it within a reasonable time?

<sup>1</sup> Yes, always

Yes, sometimes

<sup>4</sup> I didn't want / need assistance

5

Don't know / can't remember

No

3

Q44	Were you offered emotional support or counselling? 1 Yes 2 No 3 Don't know / can't remember
Q45	Overall, how would you rate the care your baby received in the neonatal unit? 1 Excellent 2 Good 3 Fair 4 Poor 5 Very poor
	If there is anything else you would like to tell us about your experience of neonatal care, please do so here.
5. Fe	eeding your baby
Q47	In the first few days after the birth how was your baby fed? 1 Breast milk (or expressed breast milk) only 3 Formula (bottle) milk only 2 Breast and formula (bottle) milk 4 Don't know / can't remember
<b>Q48</b> 1 2	Did you experience any difficulties or challenges feeding your baby in this way?         Yes, always       3         Yes, sometimes       4         Don't know/ can't remember
Q49	Were your decisions about how you wanted to feed your baby respected by staff?         Yes, always       3         Yes, sometimes       4         Don't know/ can't remember
Q50	Did you feel that midwives and other health professionals gave you consistent advice about feeding your baby?         1       Yes, always       4       I did not want or need any advice         2       Yes, sometimes       5       I did not receive any advice         3       No       6       Don't know / can't remember
Q51	Did you feel that midwives and other health professionals gave you active support and encouragement about feeding your baby? 1 Yes, always 4 I did not want / need this 2 Yes, sometimes 5 Don't know / can't remember 3 No

6. Care at home/ in the community after the birth							
Q52       Do you feel you had enough advice & support to care for your baby after the birth?         1       Yes, definitely       4       No but I did not need any         2       Yes, to some extent       5       Don't know / can't remember         3       No, I would have liked more							
Q53 Were you given a choice at For example, a health centre 1 Yes 2 No	,	ry or at hor		·	:e?		
<sup>1</sup> Yes, always <sup>2</sup> Yes, most of the time <sub>3</sub> No, but I would have like	<sup>2</sup> Yes, most of the time <sup>5</sup> I've not seen a midwife since the birth						
Q55       If you contacted a midwife or midwifery team, were you given the help you needed?         1       Yes, always       4       No as I was not able to contact a midwife         2       Yes, sometimes       5       I did not contact a midwife         3       No       6       Don't know / can't remember         Q56       Did a health professional tell you that you would need to arrange a postnatal							
<ul> <li>check-up of your own health? (Around 4-8 weeks after birth)</li> <li>1 Yes 2 No 3 Don't know/ can't remember</li> <li>Q57 After the birth of your baby, were you given enough information &amp; support by health professionals on each of the following? <i>Please tick one box on each line. If a statement is not applicable, please leave that line blank.</i></li> </ul>							
	Yes, definitely	Yes, to some extent	No, but I would have found it useful	No, but I did not want/ need this	Don't know/ can't remember		
Your physical recovery after the birth	1	2	3	4	5		
Emotional changes you might experience after the birth	1	2	3	4	5		
Your baby's health & progress	1	2	3	4	5		
Options for feeding your baby	1	2	3	4	5		
Local support groups	1	2	3	4	5		
Benefits & financial support	1	2	3	4	5		

**Q58** Were you told who you could contact if you needed advice about emotional changes you might experience after the birth?

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No

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Don't know/ can't remember

**Q59** Thinking about the care you received at home & in the community after the birth, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Please tick one box on each line. If a statement is not applicable, please leave that line blank.* 

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
_	I was listened to	1	2	3	4	5
	My personal circumstances were taken into account	1	2	3	4	5
	I was treated with kindness & understanding	1	2	3	4	5
	I understood the information & explanations I was given	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff provided help when I needed it	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff spent enough time with me	1	2	3	4	5
	Staff worked well together to organise our care	1	2	3	4	5
Q60	Overall, how would you rate the ca 1 Excellent Good	are you red 3 Fa		t home after		ry poor
Q61	If there is anything else you would do so here.	like to tell	us abou	it your posi	tnatal care	e, please



### 7. About you

Your answers will help us to describe the women taking part in this survey and to find out if different groups of women have different experiences of their maternity care. If you would **prefer not to answer a particular question** then you can **leave it blank**.

**Q62** What is your age group?

1 Under 25 2 25 to 34 3 35 or more

Q63 How many babies have you given birth to before this pregnancy?

	1 None <sub>2</sub> 1 or 2	3 3 or more						
Q64	64 What best describes your ethnic group?							
	1 White	4 🗌 African, Caribbean, Black or Black						
	<sup>2</sup> Mixed or multiple ethnic groups							
	3 Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian I	5 Other ethnic group						

Q65 In general, how would you rate your physical health?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
Before pregnancy	1	2	3	4	5
During pregnancy	1	2	3	4	5
Now	1	2	3	4	5

Q66 In general, how would you rate your emotional / mental health?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
Before pregnancy	1	2	3	4	5
During pregnancy	1	2	3	4	5
Now	1	2	3	4	5

**Q67** Do you have any of the following? *Please tick all that apply*.

Deafness or severe hearing impair-1 A learning disability 5 Blindness or severe vision impairment 2 A mental health condition 6 Another long-term condition Chronic pain lasting at least 3 months 3 7 A physical disability None of the above 4 8

### Thank you for completing this survey.

Please return the survey in the **freepost** envelope provided **as soon as possible**. Alternatively, you can **post it without a stamp to**:

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