

Maternity Care in Trafford

In 2010, Trafford's maternity services will be changing.

We want women and families in Trafford know about the changes and the choices that are available to them.

As you have contact with families in your job, we have produced this information to ensure you know about the changes.

What will Trafford's maternity service be like from February 2010?

Outpatient and community maternity care in Trafford will continue as normal – this includes all routine care before and after the baby is born.

However, there will be changes for women due to give birth from February 2010 onwards.

From this time, women will no longer be able to have their babies at Trafford General Hospital as the overnight maternity service will transfer to the maternity units at Wythenshawe Hospital and Saint Mary's Hospital in Manchester.

THE CHANGES AT A GLANCE



What will stay the same?

- * antenatal care at home, in the community and at Trafford General Hospital antenatal clinic
- * scans at Trafford General Hospital
- * Antenatal Assessment Unit at Trafford General Hospital
- * Early Pregnancy Unit at Trafford General Hospital
- * home births in Trafford
- * Post natal care at home and in the community

What will be different?

- * no births at Trafford General Hospital
- * no overnight antenatal or overnight postnatal care at Trafford General Hospital
- * new and bigger maternity units at Wythenshawe Hospital and Saint Mary's Hospital to care for women who would have had their baby at Trafford General Hospital
- * more midwives, doctors and nurses at Greater Manchester maternity and neonatal units
- * the choice of care in a midwife-led birth centre either at Saint Mary's Hospital or Wythenshawe Hospital or another hospital of choice

Why are maternity services changing?

Maternity and children's services are changing as part of Making it Better – a massive programme of investment to improve future services for women, children, families and babies in Greater Manchester.

For more information about Making it Better, go to www.bestforhealth.nhs.uk

How will women know about the changes?

We want to make sure that all Trafford families know about the changes to maternity services and know if and how the changes will affect them. The following actions will be taken to help achieve this:

- All women whose baby is due from 1st February onwards and who would have chosen to have their baby at Trafford General Hospital will be given a leaflet that explains the changes and lets them know how they will be affected.

The leaflet explains the options that are available to them and the developments at neighbouring hospitals.

- Drop in sessions will be held during one of the antenatal clinics at Trafford General Hospital for women to find out more information about the changes.

- Women who are already booked into have their baby at Trafford General in 2009 will be given a flyer that explains that they are not affected by the changes as they will happen after their baby has been born.

Information on the dates of the drop in sessions and a copy of the leaflet and flyer are available on the Trafford NHS website www.trafford.nhs.uk

KEY MESSAGES FOR TRAFFORD FAMILIES

- All routine care before and after the baby is born will continue to be provided in Trafford.
- Care before the baby is born includes care by midwives visiting women at home, in clinics and health centres and at the antenatal clinic at Trafford General Hospital.
- Families should only need to attend a hospital outside of Trafford for the actual birth of the baby.
- Women whose baby is due in 2009 will not be affected by the changes.
- There will be new and bigger maternity units at Saint Mary's and Wythenshawe Hospitals to care for Trafford women.

Please help us to get these messages to Trafford families.



FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the changes to Trafford, please go to www.trafford.nhs.uk

Or contact the Making it Better team at mib@northwest.nhs.uk or phone **0161 237 2421**.