

MVP Annual Work Plan

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Overview

This has been a very exciting year for the Bedford, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) MVPs. With the departure of Jess, Camille and R some serious recruitment! Natalie was appointed as CoChair for Bedford in December 2021, joining Temi who had been in post since a significant recruitment campaign, we have now welcomed Emma, Roxy, Michelle and Lauren to the team. The BLMK MVPs are now full for action! Lots of meetings have taken place over the last few weeks to establish who we are and what we hope to achieve together. This will lead to lots of content for next year's annual report! Understandably, this year the output has been lower than expected with such significant challenges. Nonetheless, the co chairs in place have worked hard to make a difference for all stakeholders in maternity services in the area. In the pandemic, like everyone else, the BLMK MVPs are learning how to move forward in picking up activities that might have been put on hold. We are sensitive to the needs of everyone.

We are truly delighted to be able to represent the MVPs as cochairs and we are excited to see what the year brings.

The Team

BLMK Maternity Voices Partnerships (MVP) are NHS working groups: teams of women, other birthing people, and their families; community members (midwives and doctors) working together to review and contribute to the development of local maternity care.

BLMK Maternity Voices Partnership Teams include:

- Parents who have accessed maternity care in the last 3 years*
- Service user representatives (like Doulas, Antenatal Educators and Lactation Consultants) who have regular contact with those who are pregnant, families and new parents*
- Representatives from local groups and charities who have an interest in maternity services such as LGBT Beds, Healthwatch, SAND*
- Midwives and Health Professionals currently providing maternity care including those who work for Bedford, Luton & Dunstable and*
- Commissioners of maternity services from BLMK ICS*

How to use this document

BLMK joint objectives appear on the 'BLMK' tab which will be worked on across the three MVPs. Individuals have volunteered to lead on behalf of the BLMK MVP as a whole. The tabs titled 'Luton', 'Bedford' and 'Milton Keynes' contain hospital/MVP specific areas of work.

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