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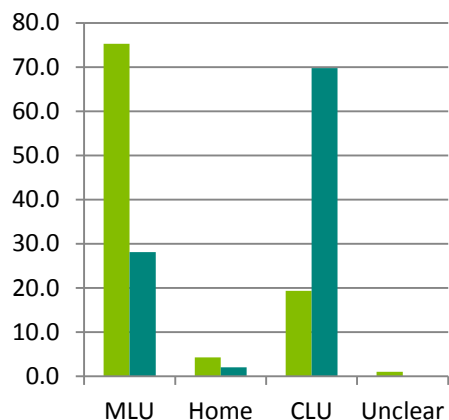
From a survey of 562 mothers carried out in April 2017 by the Oswestry Maternity Group we decided it would be useful to look at the current choices that expectant mothers make about the preferred location of delivery compared to the actual location of delivery. To do this several parameters were set into the data:

- The delivery was in the preceding 12 months, i.e. post April 2016, this was to get a picture of the current situation.
- The choice of delivery was within Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin
- Data was only used from respondents who have only had 1 delivery. This was to reduce the 'noise' generated by question answers giving information on more than one of the respondents delivery experiences where it is not possible to be sure which or how many experiences they are referring to.

This gave a sample of 93 respondents.

Data from Question 8

Choice for delivery where last delivery is post April 2016	Bridgnorth MLU	Ludlow MLU	Oswestry MLU	Shrewsbury MLU	Wrekin MLU	MLU sub total	Home	Telford CLU	Unclear	Total
Respondents with Single Delivery Experience	19	9	12	9	21	70	4	18	1	93
Percentage	20.4	9.7	12.9	9.7	22.6	75.3	4.3	19.4	1.1	



■ Chosen Location for Delivery (%)  
 ■ Actual Location for Delivery (%)

Data from Question 5, 6, 7

Which 'delivery/birth' services were used	MLU	Home	CLU	Unclear	Total
Respondents with Single Delivery Experience	27	2	67	n/a	96*
Percentage	28.1	2.1	69.8		

At the time of booking 76% of respondents received information about the different units, 15% didn't and 9% received 'some'. (Question 12)

Of the 70 people who initially chose to deliver in an MLU 27 (38%) did so. 28 (40%) were advised to move to the CLU on risk grounds. The reasons behind the change in service for the remaining 15 (21%) are unclear.

Of the 43 people who changed from a MLU to a CLU delivery 19 (44%) moved unit after labour had commenced.



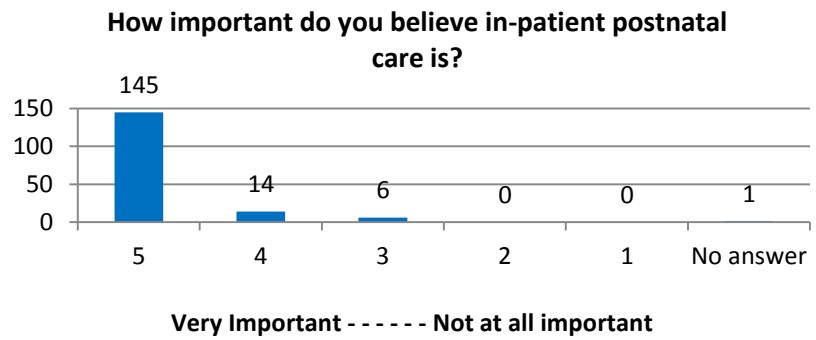
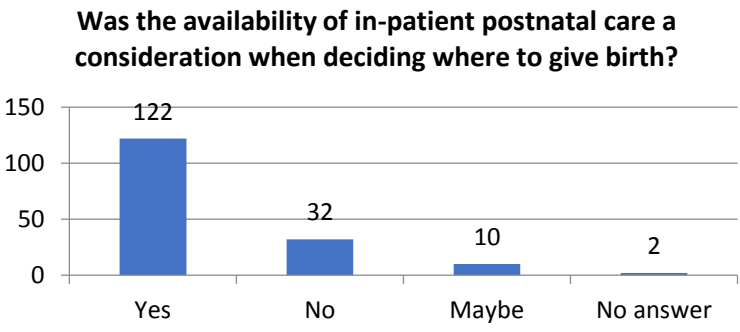
# Respondents views and experiences of the current postnatal care system.

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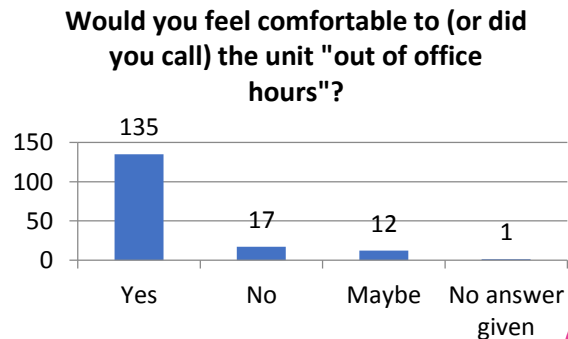
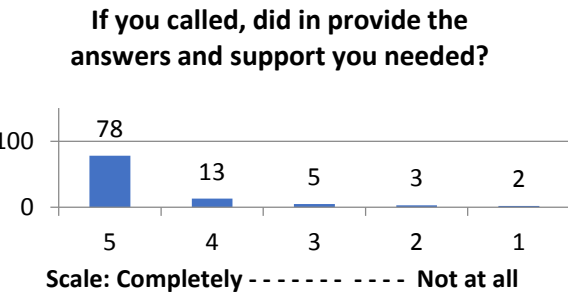
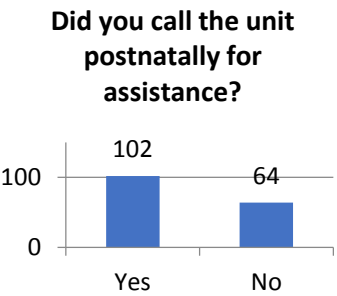
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This gave a sample of 166 respondents. Of this sample 154 mothers (93%) stayed in hospital overnight after giving birth.

## Views about availability and importance of in-patient postnatal care



## Remote Access to the units



Reason	No of Reponses
Rest/recuperation after birth	129
In order to establish breastfeeding	99
Help and support to care for new baby	96
In order to establish bonding with baby	49
Recovery after surgery	43
Lack of, or limited, support at home	5
Other (see below)	24
4th baby in nicu	1
All of the above at the midwife led unit. There was not much time for any of that in telford consultant led unit so I transfered the next day	1
Baby had swallowed meconium during delivery	1
Baby had to be checked for 24 hours after birth due to gbs infection	1
Baby in NICU	1
baby required antibiotics	1
Baby was born with irregularities of the heart	1
Baby was bringing up lots of brown mucus	1
Baby welfare	1
Baby went to Neonatal Unit so I stayed in hospital to be near him.	1
blood loss after birth ao monitoring required	1
Blood sugar checks for me and baby	1
cord split at delivery so both of us needed to be monitored	1
I left Telford hospital the same day as delivering and went back to Oswestry MLU D	1
Level of 1:1 support provided at Bridgnorth, would not have stayed so long at Princess Royal.	1
Monitoring of baby	1
Neonatal care for baby	1
No interruption from older sib5	1
Premature birth	1
Recovery after forceps	1
Recovery after haemmoraged managed at the midwife led unit	1
The docs wouldnt discharge us	1
To recover after stillbirth	1
Too ill to leave	1
Two older children at home that need me, a man who doesn't drive and three dogs. I wouldn't have received any recovery.	1

If you stayed in hospital overnight after giving birth, why?

Responses from the 154 mothers who stayed in over night

