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Press release

Have your say on improvements to Maternity and Newborn Services in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

The Bristol Health Services Plan are inviting people to join the Maternity Services Liaison Committee (MLSC) in an effort to have their say on the improvements to maternity and newborn services across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire following a review by local NHS trusts.

The findings of the review have been developed into a set of targets to improve the services currently offered. The aim of the MLSC is to ensure that these targets are implemented to develop the best maternity and newborn services on offer.

Project manager for Maternity and Newborn Services, Elizabeth Williams, said: "The Maternity Services Liaison Committee is the voice for women and their families who use maternity and newborn services before, during and after pregnancy. It will play a crucial role in identifying the needs of your local communities and in holding service commissioners and providers to account to ensure that these needs are met. If you are passionate about high quality maternity services, this is your opportunity to make a difference."

The committee will be meeting for the first time on Thursday 9 July, between 10:30am - 12:30pm in the Green Room of the Tobacco Factory in Southville, Bristol.

Those interested in attending the meeting are asked to register their interest by completing and returning a set of forms on the committee's website: http://www.avon.nhs.uk/bhsp/Services/maternity_review/default.asp. However, if you are unable to attend but still want to be involved then please register as a member in the same way and you will be regularly updated and informed of future meetings.

For further details please contact Bristol Health Services Plan on 0800 015 5127 or email: bhsp@bristolpct.nhs.uk

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