

# Understanding and improving support for people with learning disabilities who are pregnant or caring for a baby



## What is this study about?

This study asks questions about the support given to people with a learning disability when they are pregnant or caring for a baby in England.



## Why have I been asked to take part?

We are asking you to take part because you (or someone you care for) have a learning disability and are pregnant or caring for a baby under 24 months old.



## What would I have to do?

We would like you to answer questions about the support received by parents with a learning disability. You can answer these questions on your computer or over the telephone.

If you decide to answer our questions over the telephone, we will ask you to complete a form first. The form will ask if we can record what you say on the telephone, so we don't forget any of the things you tell us.



## Who will see the answers to my questions?

All the answers you give will be kept private and no-one will be able to tell the information is about you. If you tell me something that could mean you or someone else is at risk of harm, I would discuss it with you before telling anyone else.



## What could be good about taking part in this study?

It could help people with a learning disability to get better support in the future when pregnant or caring for a baby.

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## What could be bad about taking part in this study?

We don't think there will be anything bad, but if you don't like how it makes you feel you can stop at any time.



## Do I have to take part in the study?

No, it is up to you to decide.



## Can I speak to someone before I decide?

Yes, you can phone Treena Parsons on 01483 684623 or email her [c.parsons@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:c.parsons@surrey.ac.uk)



## Can I change my mind?

Yes, you can change your mind within 3 weeks of giving Treena information, and we will not keep any information about you.

## Who has organised this study?



Dr Anna Cox and Professor Ann Gallagher have organised this study at the University of Surrey. The study is funded by Health Education England.

## What if I have any questions, problems or complaints?



You can contact Dr Anna Cox (01483 68 4626) or Professor Melaine Coward (01483 686693) at the University of Surrey.

## What do I do next?

If you understand the study and want to take part, you can [click here](#) to start answering questions on your computer.



If you would prefer to speak to me on the telephone you can call me on 01483 684623.