



This is my Maternity Passport

My name is

My date of birth is

My baby is due on

**About me
and my
pregnancy**

**Getting
ready for
my baby**

**The
support
I need**

✓ Please complete
this Maternity Passport
with support from
your midwife

✓ Please keep this
Maternity Passport
somewhere safe

✓ Please take this
Maternity Passport
to all your maternity
appointments

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About me and my pregnancy



My communication needs

The language I speak is

English Other (please give details)

I like it best when the people speaking to me

Use clear and simple words Take their time Ask me what I need

I prefer to be contacted by

Telephone Mobile Text Email

Other (please give details)

My contact details are:

I like it best when I am given information in

Standard form Easy-read Pictures Audio / video

Other (please give details)

My medical needs

I have needs related to the following conditions or issues

Further details will be in my maternity notes

Epilepsy Diabetes Mental health Allergies

Alcohol/Drugs Mobility Continence Hearing

Eyesight Other (please give details)

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My other needs

I would like the professionals who support me to know the following information about me:

This could be more information about you (for example your religion or ethnicity) and the things you enjoy, or it could be things you are worried about during your pregnancy

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I would like the professionals who support me to know the information below about my family:

This could be information about your other children, or your partner and their needs related to your pregnancy

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I would find it easiest to have appointments

At a quiet time of day In the morning In the afternoon

Other (please give details)

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Please fill in the names of the people who support you

My main contact person

This could be your partner/co-parent, your parent, a friend or a support worker

Their name

Their contact details

Any other information you would like to share about them

My partner/co-parent

If different from your main contact person

Their name

Their contact details

Any other information you would like to share about them

Named midwife

Their name

Their contact details

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Named obstetrician (doctor for the pregnancy)

Their name

Their contact details

GP

Their name

Their contact details

Health visitor

Their name

Their contact details

Advocate

The person who can support me to understand my choices and make decisions

Their name

Their contact details

Social worker

Their name

Their contact details

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Children's services social worker

Their name

Their contact details

Next of kin

Their name

Their contact details

Other(s)

Their name

Their contact details

How they support me

Their name

Their contact details

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How they support me

Getting ready for my baby



I have been supported in the following practical tasks

Please enter date when you were shown how to do the task, dates when you tried to do this yourself and whether you can now do this by yourself

Task	Date shown	I was shown by	1st try	2nd try	3rd try	I can do it by myself Yes or No
Holding and calming the baby						
Nappy changing						
Bathing						
Bottle feeding						
Breast feeding						
Changing clothes						
Belly button care						
Safe sleeping						

Antenatal Classes

I have discussed antenatal classes with my midwife Yes No

I would like the following (give details)

I have booked antenatal classes Yes No

I would like support to book antenatal classes Yes No

Birth bag checklist

Get a few things ready at least 3 weeks before your due date
(you can discuss this with your midwife)

For yourself

- This maternity passport which includes your birth plan
- Comfortable clothes to wear during labour
- 3 changes of loose, comfortable clothes
- 2 or 3 comfortable and supportive bras, including nursing bras if you're planning to breastfeed - remember, your breasts will be much larger than usual
- Breast pads
- 2 packets of super-absorbent sanitary or maternity pads
- 5 or 6 pairs of knickers - you may want to bring some disposable ones
- Towels

- Your washbag with a toothbrush, hairbrush, flannel, soap, lip balm, deodorant, hair ties and other toiletries
- Things to help you pass the time and relax - for example, books, magazines, music or podcasts
- A fan or water spray to cool you down
- Front-opening or loose-fitting nighties or tops if you're going to breastfeed
- Dressing gown and slippers
- Healthy snacks and drinks
- Extra pillows
- A TENS machine if you intend to use one
- Any medicines you're taking

For your baby

- Bodysuits, vests and sleepsuits
- An outfit for going home in
- A hat, scratch mittens and socks or booties

- Plenty of nappies
- A shawl or blanket
- Muslin squares or bibs
- A car seat for the trip home

Other items

Content supplied by NHS - Birth bag checklist

I visited the labour ward Yes Date No

I visited the Special Care Baby Unit Yes Date No

I met my health visitor Yes Date No

My birth plan



I have discussed my birth plan with my midwife Yes No

I would like the following (give details)

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This person will be supporting me during labour
(e.g. husband/partner, mother, friend, midwife, doula)

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I have discussed the different forms of pain relief
I would prefer this form of pain relief during labour (give details)

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**I am aware the pain relief given to me might have to change during labour,
but this will be explained to me.**

Other things which might help me during labour
(e.g. soft music, dim lights, a birthing ball)

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My birth plan



Ways to reassure me (e.g. verbally, holding hands)

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Things I do not like (e.g. loud noise, too many people)

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How I want to feed my baby (breast, bottle, or both)

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**Things that might help me after the birth
(e.g. side room if available, dim lights, quiet space, privacy)**

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The support I need



I have discussed any extra support I need with my midwife Yes No

The support I need (this might be an advocate, postnatal classes, baby group, specialist support in the trust or community, or any other support)

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I need help to get this support in place Yes No

Other useful contacts



Elfrida Society Parent's Project **0207 359 7443**

The Specialist Advocates for parents with Learning disabilities and or learning difficulties.

Mencap Learning Disability Helpline **0808 808 1111**

Mind Infoline **0300 123 3393**

Living Autism **0800 756 2420**

To help you find autism services, autism advice and autism support

The Samaritans **116 123**

Asylum Help UK **0808 801 0503**

NHS

For life threatening emergencies **999**

For other urgent medical problems **111**

Useful local contacts

(discuss with your midwife)

The Maternity Passport was created by the Together Project (funded by NHS England and the National Institute for Health and Care Research) and a team of advisors including parents with learning disabilities and the health and social care professionals who support them on the journey to parenthood.

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My appointments

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Useful resources for parents



Other resources you might find useful

Having a baby book

Book to help parents-to-be with learning disabilities so they can think about what happens during pregnancy and childbirth.



CHANGE parenting collection

Easy read resources on parenting for people with learning disabilities, some are free and some for purchase.



Ready for parenthood website

A website of tips, advice and support for new parents.



Working Together with Parents Network

A website with resources to support parents with learning disabilities/difficulties and their children.



Ready for parenthood film

A short film providing tips, advice, and support for new parents and carers with audio, text and British Sign Language.



Easy-read screening info

Easy read guides on screening tests for you and your baby during and after pregnancy.



Baby Buddy app

A free app to support parents providing them with the knowledge, confidence and practical skills to look after themselves and their child.



Happy Baby Community

Support for pregnant women seeking protection in the UK.



Advocacy services

Elfrida Society Advocacy Services

Specialist Advocates for parents with Learning disabilities and or learning difficulties.



VoiceAbility

Providing people with advocacy in the UK.



Advocacy for All

Providing people with advocacy in the South East of England.





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