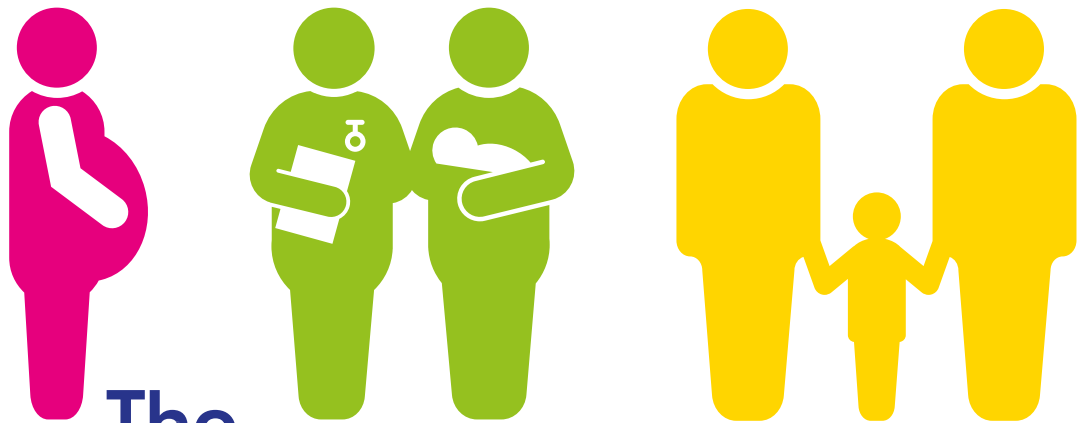


**Supporting the delivery of  
good practice in maternity  
services for parents with  
learning disabilities.**



# The Together Project

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**Values**

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# Values Underpinning Together Project Guidelines



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## Trust

Trust and honest sharing of information is central to the development of supportive relationships between professionals and parents with learning disabilities.

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## Open-mindedness

Professionals need to adopt a strengths-based approach and avoid making assumptions and enacting discrimination.

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## Gentleness

Professionals require a gentleness and compassion as parents with learning disabilities may feel fearful of losing their child.

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## Enablement

Parents with learning disabilities should be able to exercise the maximum amount of choice and control possible.

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## Time

Professionals need to allocate sufficient time and space to understand and respond to the needs of parents with learning disabilities.

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## Humility

Professionals need to listen and learn about the individual needs and experiences of parents with learning disabilities.

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## Equality

Parents with learning disabilities have equal right to having their needs met by maternity services.

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## Respect

Parents with learning disabilities should always be treated in an ethical way with respect for their intrinsic dignity.

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