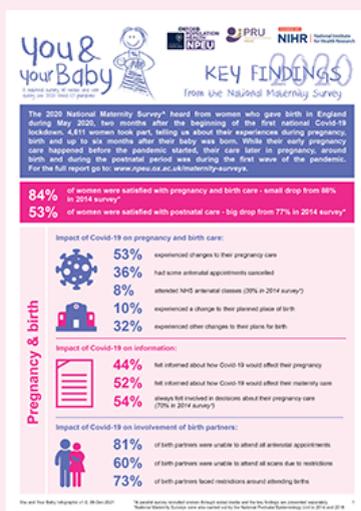


## Newsletter November 2024

Dear PPI Partner



This year marks the start of the new [Policy Research Unit in Maternal and Neonatal Health and Care \(PRU-MNHC\)](#), which runs until 2028, and we're excited to share our first programme of work with you. Over the next two years we will be focussing on projects ranging from [inequalities in outcomes](#) for women and their babies, to the care of [preterm babies](#). We will also be looking at any changes in the numbers of births taking place in [midwifery-led units](#), and at the role and experiences of [specialist 'retention' midwives](#) who work to support midwives to stay in their profession.



We've been running [national maternity surveys](#) of new mothers since 1995. The [2020 survey](#), undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic, showed a big increase in the number of new mothers with symptoms of depression. We're following up on this in our recently launched [You & Your Baby 2024](#) survey with questions for new mothers about their maternity care experience in relation to their mental wellbeing.

Finally, you might like to read our [new briefing](#) on working together to involve vulnerable or disadvantaged parents in research in the first 1001

days: perspectives and solutions *from and for* both researchers and voluntary and charity organisations.



If you'd like to know more about our work [past](#) and [present](#), it's all on our website. You can meet the [Research Team](#) and find out how we [involve parents and organisations](#) who work with them in our studies.

**Thank you for your support**



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