

Redesigning postnatal care: a randomised controlled trial of protocol-based, midwifery-led care

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Registration date 25/04/2003	Overall study status Completed	☐ Protocol
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		☒ Results
		☐ Individual participant data

Plain English summary of protocol

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Scientific

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Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives

Recent government reports have highlighted the need for change in the provision of maternity care. The objective of this study is to develop and implement two new models of postnatal care. The cost-effectiveness of the models will be compared with current practice in a three arm randomised controlled trial. The new models will comprise midwifery-led protocol-based care, aimed at the identification and management of individual women's physical and psychological health problems. They are designed to make more appropriate use of the skills and time of the professionals involved. The role of the midwife will be extended to undertake the postnatal examination, with GP referral based on need. The content and frequency of postnatal consultations will be substantially modified and there will be a reduction in routine monitoring, observations and examinations. In one intervention arm the new model of care will extend until three months postpartum. The findings will have direct implications for delivery of care throughout the National Health Service.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration.

Study design

Cluster randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Childbirth

Interventions

1. New model of community care
2. Standard community post natal care

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

Outcomes will be assessed by measures of physical and emotional well-being and satisfaction with care.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration.

Completion date

31/03/2000

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Consenting cluster practices

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

Female

Total final enrolment

2064

Key exclusion criteria

Women expected to move out of the general practice in the post-natal period.

Date of first enrolment

01/05/1996

Date of final enrolment

31/03/2000

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Department of Health (UK)

ROR

<https://ror.org/03sbpja79>

Funder(s)**Funder type**

Government

Funder Name

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme - HTA (UK)

Results and Publications**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

Not provided at time of registration

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article		01/01/2003		Yes	No