



# Choosing where to give birth in the Wakefield area

Tell us what you think



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## About our Privacy notice



When you fill in this survey you might tell us some information about you.



A Privacy Notice tells you about your rights, and how we store any information you tell us.



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# About maternity services



We are West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. We plan and run health services in West Yorkshire.



We are looking at **maternity services** in the Wakefield area.

**Maternity services** is care and support for people who:



- Are pregnant. This is from when they first find out they are pregnant.



- Are giving birth. This is care and support when your baby is being born.



- Have given birth. You still get care from maternity services after giving birth.



**Midwives** and doctors give people the care and support they need.

A **midwife** is a nurse who has special training to help pregnant people and babies.



In the Wakefield area, the hospitals with maternity services are:

- Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield.



- Pontefract Hospital.



- Dewsbury Hospital.

At the moment if people choose to give birth in hospital, it can only be at Pinderfields Hospital and Dewsbury Hospital.







You cannot give birth at Pontefract Hospital. But you can still use the other maternity services there.

## Giving birth at Pinderfields Hospital and Dewsbury Hospital



Some people need a doctor to be there when they give birth.



This might be because they have a health condition or problems in their pregnancy.



If you need a doctor to be there, you have your baby at Pinderfields Hospital.



Doctors and midwives will give you the support you need.



If you do not need a doctor, you can still give birth at Pinderfields Hospital.



A lot of people choose to have their babies at Pinderfields Hospital.



If you do not need a doctor, you can choose to give birth at Dewsbury Hospital.



Midwives give you the care and support you need. There are no doctors there.



If you are giving birth at Dewsbury Hospital and need a doctor, you are taken to Pinderfields Hospital.

## About Pontefract Hospital



People used to be able to give birth at Pontefract Hospital. They had midwives that supported people to give birth.



We stopped people giving birth at Pontefract Hospital in November 2019.



We stopped it because:

- We did not have enough midwives to run all 3 hospitals safely.



We could not find more midwives to work for us. At the time there were not enough midwives across the country.



- Not many people gave birth at Pontefract Hospital but we still needed to have staff there.



This meant staff didn't always have much to do.



- More people chose to have their babies at Pinderfields Hospital and Dewsbury Hospital.



This meant these hospitals were busy and needed more midwives.



When we stopped people from giving birth at Pontefract Hospital, we did not say it would stop forever.



## What we are doing



We are thinking about Pontefract Hospital again. We need to decide if people can give birth there again.

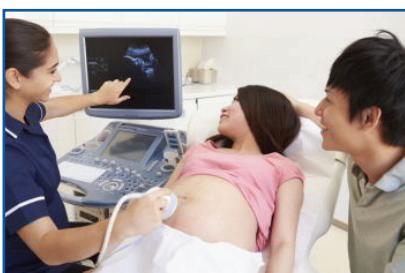


We have talked to lot of people already about what we should do:

- Midwives and doctors.
- People who use the hospitals.
- People who make the rules about maternity services.



We do not think we should re-open Pontefract Hospital for people giving birth.



People will still be able to get other maternity services there like they do now.

## About our survey



We have some questions about our idea for you to answer.



Please send your answers back to us by **Sunday 18th May 2025**.



If you need help to fill in this survey you can phone us or email us.



**Phone:**

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When you have answered the questions, please post your answers back to us.

**Post to:**

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## Questions for you

**Question 1:** Why you are filling in this survey?

**Tick 1 box.**



I or someone in my family is using maternity services now.



I or someone in my family has used maternity services in the past.

If you ticked this box, please tell us how long ago it was:



I have not used maternity services yet. But I want to in the future.





I am interest in maternity services.



I work with pregnant people or maternity services.



Another reason. Please tell us:



**Question 2:** Did you know you can choose where you give birth?



Yes



No



**Question 3:** Where would you like to give birth? If you have given birth already, tell us where you gave birth?



**Question 4:** Why did you choose this place to give birth?



**Question 5:** Have you or someone in your family had a baby at Pontefract Hospital?



Yes



No

**If you ticked no, go to question 7.**



**Question 6:** Did you or the person in your family have another baby after giving birth at Pontefract Hospital?

If you did, did you use a different hospital?



Yes



No



**Question 7:** How will it affect you if you or someone in your family cannot have a baby at Pontefract Hospital?

Empty response box for Question 7.



**Question 8:** Is there anything else you want to tell us about our ideas for Pontefract Hospital?

Empty response box for Question 8.





These next 2 questions are for people who have been pregnant before or given birth before.



**Question 9:** Thinking about the care you had from maternity services, what was good about it?



**Question 10:** Thinking the care you had from maternity services, what could better?

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## Questions about you



The next few questions ask you about you.



These questions make sure we are asking lots of different people what they think.



You do not have to answer the questions if you do not want to.



We will keep what you tell us private.  
We will not be able to work out who you are from the answers that you give.

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**Question 11:** What is the first part of your **post code**? Your **post code** is the last part of your address. It is a mix of letters and numbers.



**Question 12:** What is your gender?

I am female



I am male



I am non-binary  
This means you do not see yourself as a woman or man.



You can tell us what gender you are if you want to:

I don't want to say





**Question 13:** How old are you?

**Question 14:** What country were you born in?



United Kingdom. This is called the UK for short



Another country.  
Please tell us:

I don't want to say



**Question 15.** What is your religion or belief?

Buddhist

Jewish

Christian

Muslim

Hindu

Sikh

No religion

Other religion  
Please tell us.

I don't want to say



**Question 16:** What is your **ethnic group**? **Ethnic** means your race, background and culture.

**Asian, or Asian British:**



Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

**Black or Black British:**



African

Caribbean

**Mixed ethnic group:**



White and Asian

White and Black African

White and Black Caribbean



## White:

English, Northern Irish,  
Scottish, Welsh or British

Irish

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Roma



## Other ethnic group:

Arab

Another race or ethnic  
background. Please tell us:



**Question 17:** Are you a carer?



Yes



No

I don't want to say

**Question 18:** Are you disabled?



Yes



No

I don't want to say



**Question 19:** Do you have a long term illness, condition or disability?



Yes



No

I don't want to say

If you ticked yes, please tell us what kind:



**Question 20:** What is your **Sexual orientation?** **Sexual orientation** mostly means who you are attracted to.



I am not often attracted to anyone



I am attracted to both men and women



I am man who is attracted to other men



I am a woman who is attracted to other women



I am a man who is attracted to women or a woman who is attracted to men



I am attracted to a person of any gender

I don't want to say

If you use another name for who you are attract to please tell us:



**Question 21:** Are you Trans? This means is your gender now different to the one you were given when you were born.



Yes



No

I don't want to say

**Question 22:** Can you tell us if you have enough money to live well on?



I have more than enough money for food, bills and a lot left over.



I have enough money for food, bills and some left over.



I have just enough money for food and bills. I don't have any money left over.



I don't have enough money for food and bills. Sometimes I can run out of money.

I don't know

I don't want to say



**Question 23:** Are you pregnant or have you given birth in the last 6 months?



Yes



No

I don't want to say



**Question 24:** Are you a parent or are you the main carer for a child?



Yes. If you ticked yes, please tell us how old the child or children are:



No

I don't want to say



**Question 25: Are you care experienced?**

**Care experienced** means you have lived with foster carers, in a children's home or, in some cases, with another family member or family friend.



Yes



No

I don't want to say



Thank you for answering our questions.