



## 2010 Update

# Configuration of Maternity Care Trust Questionnaire

Following on from the data collected by the Healthcare Commission in the 2007 review, which was also used to map maternity care as part of the Birthplace in England Research Programme, we are collecting basic information for an overview of changes in the organisation and provision of maternity care. All trusts are being asked to participate by responding to this short questionnaire.

**Please return by Friday 26th November 2010**

Attached label with Trust  
Name and Trust ID here



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## Trust details

1. Today's date:

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2. Please identify person completing questionnaire for the trust and give contact details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please tell us about any past and planned changes to maternity services provision in your trust: *Maternity unit definitions are provided on the back page*

Change	In last 3 years		In next 3 years	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Temporary closure of obstetric unit (OU) <i>(at least one month, 30 consecutive days)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary closure of alongside midwifery unit (AMU) <i>(at least one month, 30 consecutive days)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary closure of freestanding midwifery unit (FMU) <i>(at least one month, 30 consecutive days)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent closure of of obstetric unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent closure of alongside midwifery unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent closure of freestanding midwifery unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opening of new of obstetric unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opening of new alongside midwifery unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opening of new freestanding midwifery unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Merger of two or more maternity unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of status of maternity unit <i>e.g. OU to midwifery unit</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent closure of neonatal unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Merger of neonatal units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Is a home birth service currently available in your trust? *Please tick only one*

For all of trust  Part of trust  Not available

5. For your trust have any of the following occurred in the 6 months to 31 March 2010?

*Please tick if occurred*

Home birth service suspended for short periods up to 48 hours

Home birth service suspended for periods between 49 hours (2 days) and 30 days

Home birth service suspended for more than 30 days (1 month)

**6. How many women delivered in the trust in the year to 31 March 2010?**

Total number of women delivered	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total number of women delivered in obstetric units	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total number of women delivered in alongside midwifery units	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total number of women delivered in freestanding midwifery units	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total number of women delivered at home	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**7. Please tell us about past and planned changes in capacity and staffing in your trust:**

*Please tick correct response for each point*

Change	In last 3 years			and	In next 3 years		
	Increased	Same	Decreased		Increased	Same	Decreased
Change in the overall number of maternity care delivery units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in the delivery bed capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in obstetric cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in paediatric cover for delivery suite and theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in obstetric consultant staffing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in funded midwife establishment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change to the locations where antenatal care takes place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Note: A change in cover can be in the hours medical staff are available in the unit and/or a change in the time when a service is provided. Hence moving from a 40 to 60 hour consultant presence would be a change in cover.*

**8. Please list all the maternity units currently in your trust:**

*Maternity unit definitions (OU, AMU, FMU) are provided on the back page*

	Name of unit	Unit type OU, AMU or FMU	Neonatal service on site		Level of neonatal service <sup>†</sup>
			Yes	No	
1			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<sup>†</sup> 1: Special Care Unit; 2: Local Neonatal Unit; 3: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit;  
4: Lead Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

9. Have there been changes planned for the configuration of maternity care in last 3 years that have not yet taken place?

Yes  No

If Yes, please give details below:

10. Could you tell us about any other important changes that have taken place in maternity care in your trust since the Healthcare Commission Review in 2007?

**THANK YOU**

Please return in the envelope provided to:

**FREEPOST** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

### Maternity Unit Definitions:

*Freestanding midwifery unit (FMU):* an NHS clinical location offering care to women with straightforward pregnancies during labour and birth in which midwives take primary professional responsibility for care. General Practitioners may also be involved in care. During labour and birth diagnostic and treatment medical services including obstetric, neonatal and anaesthetic care, are not immediately available but are located on a separate site should they be needed. Transfer will normally involve car or ambulance.

*Alongside midwifery unit (AMU):* an NHS clinical location offering care to women with straightforward pregnancies during labour and birth in which midwives take primary professional responsibility for care. During labour and birth diagnostic and treatment medical services, including obstetric, neonatal and anaesthetic care are available, should they be needed, in the same building, or in a separate building on the same site. Transfer will normally be by trolley, bed or wheelchair.

*Obstetric unit (OU):* an NHS clinical location in which care is provided by a team, with obstetricians taking primary professional responsibility for women at high risk of complications during labour and birth. Midwives offer care to all women in an OU, whether or not they are considered at high or low risk, and take primary responsibility for women with straightforward pregnancies during labour and birth. Diagnostic and treatment medical services including obstetric, neonatal and anaesthetic care are available on site, 24 hours a day.