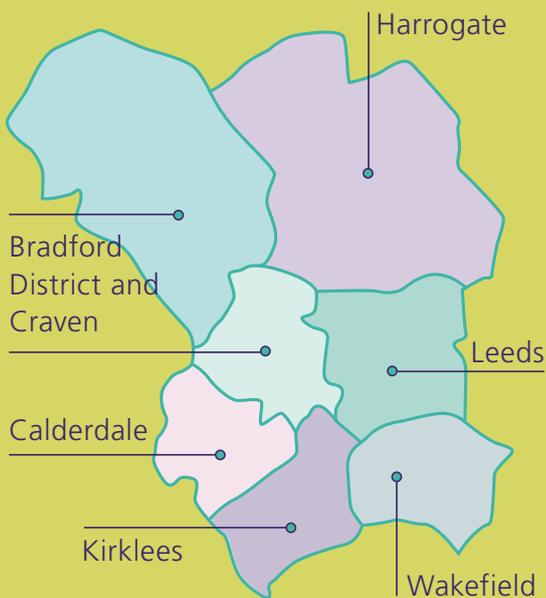


Telling our Partnership story



Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

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Maternity

Our ambition

We aim to be the place where women and their families choose to receive their maternity care and birth their babies with as much choice as possible but also make sure that we have specialist help available within our region.

Rather than working in isolation we now work together as a **local maternity system** (LMS). This gives us the opportunity to give women choice across a wide geographical area and also allows us to concentrate specialist services where they are most effective. This way we can make sure that women get the right care, in the right place, at the right time. Wherever women choose, they will be looked after by highly trained staff offering a quality, safe and personalised service.

What we are doing

A LMS has been created between the following maternity services: Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. The LMS has a board, which includes local women and their families, commissioners, public health colleagues and Yorkshire Ambulance Service to oversee maternity transformation.

Local maternity voice partnerships (MVPs) have also provided opportunity for women, families and the third sector to come together to collaborate on service design. We have helped set up new partnerships across system. This means that the number of areas with local voices represented in service redesign has increased as a result of our work.

Another key development has been our Maternity Safety Forum. Here we share maternity incidents and our learning from them, to improve our services. We now learn as a system, and have a newsletter that is shared across all partners. We have presented the safety forum at a regional conference where colleagues were keen to learn about the initiative.

We have collaborated to create a leaflet to inform women and their families about the choices they have in the LMS, you can access it here: www.wyhpartnership.co.uk/our-priorities/maternity

Becky's story

"When I was eight weeks pregnant I met with the midwife at my GP practice and had a discussion where I was given a choice over where I could give birth, and options such as a water birth.

Towards the end of my pregnancy a scan revealed that my baby was breech. I was talked through my choices and after initially deciding to try turning the baby, changed my mind and elected for a caesarean section.

I had an amazing midwife who stayed with me through the birth and recovery. The aftercare was fab.

I feel very lucky and privileged to have been given the care and choices I received during my pregnancy. I was listened to and my views were respected by every professional we came across both during my pregnancy and afterwards."

What next?

We are developing the choice offer and co-designing new models of care to create small teams who provide continuity of carer throughout pregnancy, birth and after birth care. We are also planning a perinatal mental health event so we can understand more about the services and care we have and need.

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