

# North of Tyne Maternity Partnership

## Terms of Reference

### Purpose

The remit for this whole system partnership is to improve outcomes for maternity service users across Newcastle, Northumberland and North Tyneside.

### Objectives

- To complement and inform the evolving North of Tyne managed clinical network for maternity services
- To ensure patient views are fed into the commissioning process and to service providers via a Maternity Services Liaison Committee/s (MSLC)
- To support service integration so that key national and local targets can be met, including:
  - Smoking in pregnancy
  - Breast feeding
  - Maternity Matters
  - NSF standards
- To monitor progress against targets
- To share experience across the patch, taking a North of Tyne approach to service development and redesign where appropriate
- Inform the North of Tyne Local Delivery Plan

### Membership

- Voluntary and Community Sector
- MSLC
- Lead clinician and manager/s NUTHFT and Northumbria Trust
- Public health
- GP representative
- PEC lead
- NHS NoT lead officer
- Northumbria University
- Regional midwife
- Childrens centres from each locality
- PCO provider services
- Smoking cessation service
- Breast feeding co-coordinator/s

## **Chair**

The chair and vice chair will serve for a minimum of one year  
Independent chair i.e. not provider or commissioner?

## **Meetings**

- Frequency - quarterly
- Venue – central, accessible
- Quorum – At least X%? members present
- Agenda items submitted to lead officer 2 weeks prior to meeting
- Agenda sent out one week before meeting

## **Governance**

- The partnership will report via the lead officer to the three local CYPSP Boards, NHS NoT Executive Team and NoT Professional Executive Committee, at least annually.
- Members will ensure the work of this group integrates with the strategic direction of other local partnership groups e.g. Teenage Pregnancy, Smoking Cessation

The terms of reference will be reviewed annually in December