Introduction

We would like to invite you to take part in a study. This leaflet tells you about the study. Please ask us if anything is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the study about?

Born in Bradford would like to understand your experiences of having a baby in the coronavirus pandemic. This work will be used to inform services in Bradford how best to care for women and their babies and support their partners during this time, and in the future. We need to understand the experiences of both parents during this challenging time.

Why have I been asked, do I have to take part?

You have been asked because your partner is interested in taking part in this study and has passed this information on to you to see if you would like to take part as well. It is up to you if you want to take part. Even if you do say yes now, you can change your mind at any time without giving any reason.

What will be involved if I agree to take part?

If you would like to find out more and/ or would like to take part in an interview, **please contact our research team by phone: 01274 383944 or by email: borninbradford@bthft.nhs.uk** telling us your name and the best contact number for you.

A researcher from Born in Bradford will speak to you to see if you want to take part. If you are happy to take part, they will pass on your name and contact number to a researcher BiB is working with who will call you to arrange a time and to agree the best way to do the interview. This could be by phone or using a video call, whatever suits you best. When it is time to do the interview, the researcher will contact you and ask you some questions. This will take about one hour.

The researcher will record the interview to help them remember everything you said. To make it easier to look back at your interview, the recording will be typed out after the interview has finished. This is done by an organisation that specialises in typing out interviews like this.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

People often say that it was helpful to talk about their experiences. We hope that the information we get will help shape the way that women and their babies are cared for, and the way that partners are supported during the coronavirus and in the future.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

We do not anticipate that there will be any disadvantages or risks if you take part. You may find some of the interview questions make you feel uncomfortable or are difficult to answer upsetting. You do not have to answer any questions you do not wish to and you may pause or stop the interview at any time.

What will happen if I do not want to carry on with the study?

You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, but we will keep information about you that we already have. This will be included in the final study analysis. If you withdraw consent for your information to be used, it will be confidentially destroyed.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

We will make the results available in a report that will be shared with local services including the NHS and Local Authority. We also hope to publish the results of this study in an academic journal so other researchers can learn from our findings. If you wish to obtain a copy of the report, you can request one from the researcher(s) or visit our website https://borninbradford.nhs.uk/our-findings/. It is also possible that the results and extracts from the interviews may be presented at conferences. You will not be identified in any report/publication.

How will you use information about me?

We will need to use information from you for this project. This information includes your name and contact details. People will use this information to do the research or to make sure the research is being done properly. We will keep all information about you safe and secure. The researchers will look at the interviews from everyone to help us better understand your experiences of having a baby in the coronavirus pandemic.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

The researcher we are working with on the study who is doing the interviews and the organisation who will type the interview out from the recording have signed an agreement that promises to keep your information confidential.

When the interview is typed up you will be given a false name so that only the researcher who saw you will know who you are.

Born in Bradford is a part of the Bradford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. If we have concerns that you, or someone else, is at risk of harm then we will have to break confidentiality and tell the relevant healthcare services, for example your GP.

We keep your information safe and secure by using passwords on equipment and making sure that the only people who have access to it are the small number of people in the research team who need it for the study. After the interview, the recordings will be transferred from the recorder on to a computer. The recording will be deleted from the recorder once it has been transferred. The recording on the computer will be deleted once the study is completed. At the end of the study, your information will be securely saved for 10 years.

We need to manage your records in specific ways for the research to be reliable. This means that we won't be able to let you see or change the data we hold about you

Once we have finished the study, we will keep some of the data so we can check the results. We will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out who took part.

What if I need more information or there is a problem?

You can find out more information about the study and how we use your information:

- By ringing us on 01274 383944
- By sending us an email to borninbradford@bthft.nhs.uk
- By asking one of the Born in Bradford research team
- Our leaflet available from https://borninbradford.nhs.uk/privacy-policy/
- Online at www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients

If you would like a printed copy of any of the leaflets mentioned above please email or call us to request one.

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Study Title: Your experiences of becoming a parent during the Coronavirus pandemic

INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PARTNERS