

Parent member needed for UKMidSS Steering Group

Are you a parent with an interest in midwife-led maternity care?

The UK Midwifery Study System (UKMidSS) is looking for another parent member to join its Steering Group.

UKMidSS was launched in 2015. It carries out national observational studies and surveys of practice in midwifery units in the UK.

Our recent work includes a [national cohort study](#) investigating outcomes for women with higher BMI admitted to alongside midwifery units, a [national case control study](#) investigating risk factors for neonatal admission in babies born in alongside midwifery units, and a [national survey](#) describing midwifery unit admission criteria. We're currently investigating outcomes for women who are known to have diabetes (either gestational or pre-existing) in pregnancy who are admitted to a midwifery unit (rather than an obstetric unit or labour ward) for labour care.

We have two parent (lay) members on the UKMidSS Steering Group along with researchers, obstetricians and midwives. One of our current lay members has reached the end of her term (all members serve for a maximum of 6 years) so we are seeking a replacement.

The Steering Group meets three times a year (either face-to-face in Oxford or online) and provides overall strategic direction and governance for the programme, monitoring progress of ongoing studies and planning future studies.

Lay members receive payment for their time in preparing for and attending meetings, using [NIHR rates](#). Travel and any other expenses (e.g. childcare costs) associated with attending meetings are also paid. Past members of the Steering Group are available as mentors if necessary.

Expressions of interest will be considered against the following criteria.

- Membership of a Maternity Voices Partnership
- Experience of multi-disciplinary work and co-production in maternity services
- Voluntary work with parents e.g. as part of a peer support programme
- Experience of committee work (local or national).

For an informal discussion about this role please contact Rachel Plachcinski, UKMidSS Steering Group lay member, rachel.plachcinski@gmail.com, or Rachel Rowe, Head of UKMidSS, rachel.rowe@npeu.ox.ac.uk. If you would like to apply, please submit a two page CV (max) and a short covering letter explaining why you are interested in this role.

The closing data for expressions of interest is 18th February 2022