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The normal NHS complaints mechanism is available to you if you wish to complain about any aspect of the way you are approached or treated during the course of this study. Formal complaints may be addressed to Professor Anne Marie Rafferty, Head of Florence Nightingale School of Nursing & Midwifery, King's College London, Tel 020 7848 3561.

Should you require independent advice, you may wish to contact the Maternity Services Liaison Committee at the Women's Centre in St Thomas', Tel 020 7188 7188. You can also contact the National Childbirth Trust through their website www.nctpregnancyandbabycare.com or you may wish to look up the INVOLVE website www.invo.org.uk.



The One-to-One Caseload Project Evaluation

The One-to-One Caseload Project is a partnership between King's College London, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and Guy's and St Thomas' Charity

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Stakeholder Interviews: Information Sheet

We would like to invite you to take part in a study of caseload midwifery care taking place in your Trust between October 2005 and December 2006. Researchers from King's College London are carrying out the study, funded by the Guy's and St Thomas' Charity.

The study has several purposes:

- to discover more about stakeholders' and women's views on caseload midwifery care.
- to explore the impact of caseload midwifery care on both women and those who care for them.
- through this increased understanding, to help improve the service provided.

We would therefore like to hear your views on subjects such as:

- the impact of caseload midwifery care on your work and your working patterns
- your work/life balance
- your job satisfaction and stress levels
- the impact of caseload midwifery care on the maternity service and women's care
- other issues around maternity care provision that you consider important.

Below are some questions people often ask about research, and our answers. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of the project team, listed on the back of this leaflet.

1. Who has given ethics approval for the study?

The NHS Research Ethics Committee for St Thomas' Hospital has reviewed the study and given it ethical approval (05/Q0702/182).

2. Why may I be invited to take part?

You are a stakeholder in maternity care at this Trust who is involved in or affected by the Caseload Midwifery Programme. Your participation is entirely voluntary, but we do hope you can help us by taking part.

3. What would be involved in taking part?

We would like to invite you to take part in a confidential interview. The interview will address the issues listed previously but it will be flexible, to allow you to talk about the issues concerning the caseload midwifery programme that are important to you. The interview will take about 45 minutes at a time and place convenient to you and will be recorded.

Some of the women you care for may also be invited to participate in the study. Anything that they tell us will remain confidential within the research team.

4. What if I change my mind?

You can withdraw from the study at any time without having to give an explanation.

5. Will taking part be of any benefit to me?

We hope you will find it helpful and interesting to explore your views and experiences with us, and that the study's findings will help to improve the service you are involved in delivering. We will present the findings to staff at this Trust as well as publishing them, and we hope you will find them useful.

6. Are there any disadvantages to taking part?

We recognise that participating may take up some of your time but we will do our best to minimise any inconvenience to you.

We do not expect anyone to suffer any harm or injury as a result of participating in the study, although we do have insurance cover. The study does not involve you altering any aspect of your clinical practice.

7. Will what I say be confidential?

Yes. Nothing you say will be revealed to anyone outside the research team in a way that could identify you. Tapes of interviews will be stored securely and made accessible only to research team members. The tapes will be destroyed at the end of the study. It will not be possible to identify you from the published results.

8. What if I have any concerns?

You can contact the research team at any time, using the contact details on the back of this leaflet. We will be very happy to discuss your concerns and/or put you in touch with someone who will be able to help.

9. How and where will the results be published?

We plan to publish papers in professional and academic journals and user publications, and will also disseminate findings within this Trust, on the internet and at conferences. We will keep you informed about dissemination at the end of the study and will send you a summary of the research findings.

10. Where can I find out more about the study?

Further information can be found on the web at:

www.kcl.ac.uk/hursing/research/projects/1to1caseload.html

Thank you very much for reading this leaflet and for considering helping with this study