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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](http://www.nctpregnancyandbabycare.com) or you may wish to look up the INVOLVE website [www.invo.org.uk](http://www.invo.org.uk).

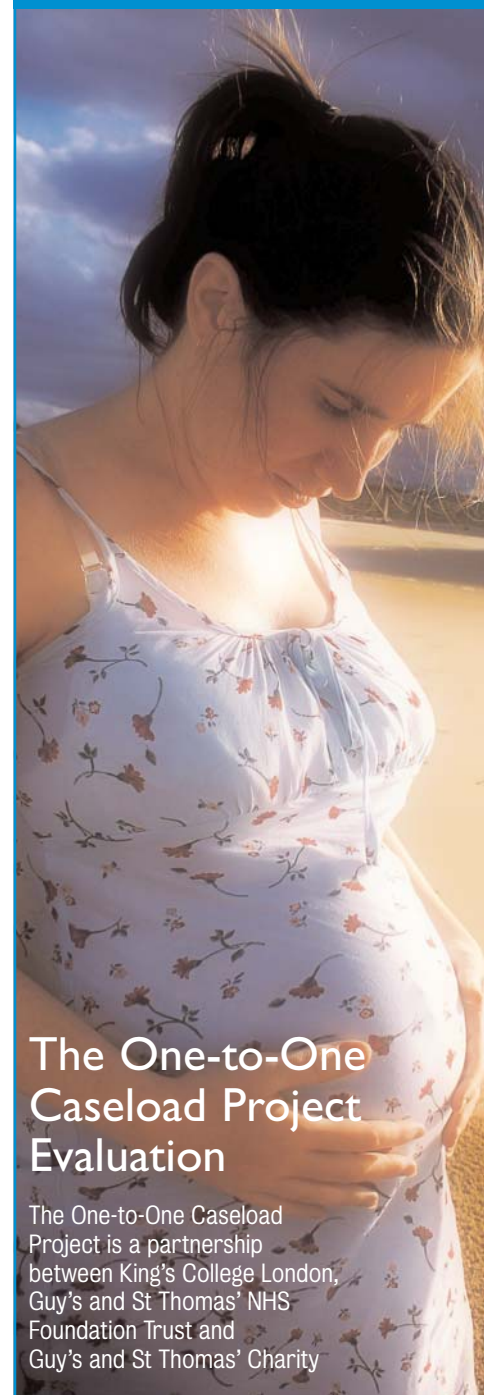
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# Women's Interviews: Information Sheet

## 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



**W**e 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 purpose of the study is to improve our understanding of women's and health professionals' views and experiences of different models of midwifery care. We hope the knowledge gained will help improve the service provided.

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

- Your journey through maternity care
- Your relationship with your maternity carer(s)
- Your satisfaction with your 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 approved the study?**

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

#### **2. Why have I been chosen to take part?**

Any woman registering for maternity care at this Trust from October 1st 2005 to Dec 31st 2005 may be invited to take part. 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 your maternity care that are important to you. The interview will take about 45 minutes at a time and place convenient to you and will be recorded.

#### **4. What if I change my mind?**

You can withdraw from the study at any time without having to give an explanation, and without your maternity care being affected in any way.

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

Perhaps not directly, but we hope you will find it helpful and interesting to explore your views and experiences with us, and we also hope that the study findings will help to improve the maternity service for women in the future.

#### **6. Are there any disadvantages to taking part?**

We recognise that helping us with the study will take up a little of your time. We will do our best to minimise any inconvenience to you by ensuring that you take part at the time and place that suits you best.

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 treatment and advice you receive will be the same whether you take part or not.

#### **7. Will everything I say be confidential?**

Yes. Nothing you say will be revealed to hospital staff, to other people close to you, or 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?**

If you think of questions about the study, or you start to feel anxious, please feel free to contact the research team 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 the findings in popular pregnancy magazines, in consumer, academic and professional journals, on the internet and at conferences to associations involved in improving

maternity services. We will also send you a summary of the research findings at the conclusion of the study.

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

Further information can be found on the web at:

[www.kcl.ac.uk/nursing/research/projects/1to1caseload.html](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/nursing/research/projects/1to1caseload.html)

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