

Meet your local Maternity Voices Partnership champions:



Hi, I'm Kirsty, I have a three year old boy called Logan. I didn't have the best experience when I had him and it led me to join as a champion to help make changes for the better. I've now been a champion for two and a half years and absolutely love it – I have learnt so much. I am a cake maker from Stafford but I am making the leap to go back in to education to become a midwife 😊 happy to help – feel free to chat.

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Hello, I'm Mary mum of two boys – a five year old and a 19 month old. I joined the MVP at a similar time as Kirsty, two and a half years ago. I'm mostly the stay at home parent, but when COVID isn't lurking I'm a maths and science tutor. I've had a hospital birth that we wanted to be a home birth with the eldest and a planned home birth with the youngest. We do lots of baby wearing (and toddler and pre-schooler wearing), we use cloth nappies and I run a breastfeeding support group.

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Hi, I am Katie Emery and I live in Stafford. I have a two and a half year old son and I have been a Maternity Champion for approximately two years. I became a Champion as I know how important it is for services to gain feedback from its users. I had a straight forward pregnancy but a traumatic birthing experience and the Maternity Team were amazing. The maternity services we have are amazing and it is great to work with them to see how services can evolve.

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Hello I'm Helen from Stafford, mom of two girls – a four year old and 10 month old. I became a Maternity Champion recently, so still learning the ropes. I've just gone back to work so going through mom-guilt again! I had a great easy birth with my first, but problems with my placenta for the second resulting in a hospital stay. I've bottle-fed and breastfed so experienced the ups and downs of both. Please feel free to chat and ask me - and us – anything.

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Hello, I'm Sophie from Stafford, and a first time mum to my two year old twins, Thomas and Hazel. I would say that my birth experience was very traumatic, so being part of such a fabulous program to help improve the maternity services for women and their families! Due to being made redundant during the pandemic, I have taken the opportunity to go back into education to gain a career within the healthcare sector, which along with being a Maternity Champion, is something that I am passionate about.

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Hello! I'm Naomi from the North of the county over towards Baldwin's Gate and Woore. I have a little girl, Primrose who is two, and had a relatively stress-free birth but very anxious pregnancy! I became a Champion just before the coronavirus pandemic and think it's so important to gather as much feedback as possible so we can celebrate and also improve our services where necessary. Naomi.FeltonHunt@staffsstokeccgs.nhs.uk



Hi everyone I'm Kerry and first time mum to my baby girl who is now five months old, so my very special lockdown baby. I had an induction followed by a C-section and most of the labour is a blur, thanks to gas and air! I became a Champion just at the beginning of the year and I'm loving the opportunity to sustain and improve maternity services in the area. I live in Stoke and also have an 11 year old (almost 12) step-daughter. Kerry.Sirrell@staffsstokeccgs.nhs.uk

Hi everybody ☺ I'm Faye, first time mummy to an 18 month old girl from Stafford. I became a maternity champion because I experienced the many highs and lows after giving birth and felt there were further support systems that could be made available for both Mums and Dads, alongside having a difficult and a bit traumatic feeding journey. I wanted to be a support for other new families, particularly in this area. I'm looking forward to collaborating ideas and support with other Maternity Champions for people to receive. Faye.Meacham@staffsstokeccgs.nhs.uk



Hi, I'm Alexandra, a mum of two from Rugeley. My children are six and three. I breast-fed both children but experienced difficulties with my first. This made me become an advocate for breastfeeding and subsequently shaped my decision to study to become a breastfeeding counsellor. I became a Champion because I am passionate about improving the services offered to women locally and it's been fantastic to see changes being made.

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Hi. My name is Fran. I'm Mum to Jacob who has just turned one. I live in the Burton-on-Trent area and also have close links with Lichfield. I had a scary labour but I could not fault the care given by the midwives and doctors the day I gave birth. However, I experienced complications a couple of weeks after giving birth and this is why I am very much looking forward to becoming a Maternity Champion to reach out, support and listen to Mums and families in my area! Frances.Power@staffsstokeccgs.nhs.uk



Hi, I am Georgie, mum of two. After my personal experiences of two traumatic births including an operation and emergency c section, a surgically managed miscarriage, struggles with physical and mental health in pregnancy, a long stay in a maternity ward with a premature baby and difficulties breast feeding, I recognise the importance of positive antenatal and postnatal care. I have also worked for the last four years running baby and toddler classes and have heard so many families' experiences of maternity services. I also run baby and toddler classes in Stafford, Rugeley and Cannock Chase area and I now hear the experiences of so many families. Hence, I am passionate about ensuring families' voices (mum's and partner's) shape local NHS maternity and paternity services to provide the very best experiences for families in hospital and the community. Always happen to share experiences and listen. Georgie.Thomson@staffsstokeccgs.nhs.uk