## **A National Maternity Survey**

The National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit (NPEU) at Oxford is independent of AvMA but we want to support them by raising awareness of the **National Maternity Survey** they rolled out at the end of the 2024. **The Survey closes at the end of March 2025**.

Who is the NPEU? The NPEU have been running maternity surveys at the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit in Oxford since 1995. You & Your Baby 2024 is the first survey they have carried out since the Covid-19 pandemic. The NPEU recognise that women's health and the care they received during the pandemic was affected and so hearing about women's maternity experiences since then is important. Information about the impact NPEU's previous surveys have had on policy changes can be found here: https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/maternity-surveys/impact

Who is eligible to take part in the survey? Women who gave birth during the first two weeks in May 2024

What does the survey aim to do? The survey aims to capture the experiences of a proportion of the women and families in England who had a baby in the first two weeks of May last year (May 2024). They have been chosen randomly and will have received a letter inviting them to take part. It's possible that you received a letter but have missed it. Even if you have not received a letter, providing you had your baby in the first two weeks of May 2024, you are eligible to take part.

Why should you get involved? The more women and families who take part, the more views and experiences NPEU will be able to include in their findings. This is a good opportunity for all women and families to get their voices heard, it is an opportunity for you to have your say about the maternity care you received, your mental health and your experience of infant feeding,

**More information**: More details about the survey can be found here: <a href="https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/maternity-surveys/surveys/2024-survey">https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/maternity-surveys/surveys/2024-survey</a> and if you would like to take part you can contact the NPEU study team: <a href="mailto:youandyourbaby@npeu.ox.ac.uk">youandyourbaby@npeu.ox.ac.uk</a>