

## Parental Involvement in decision-making about Planned late preterm and early term birth ('PIP' study)

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### What is this project about?

- The project will look at decision-making around whether a baby should be born 2-6 weeks early.
- Early birth may be considered when there is a problem during pregnancy, but being born even a few weeks early can put the baby at risk of becoming unwell.
- Doctors and midwives will usually talk with expectant parents about the options, risks and benefits before the decision is made.
- Research has shown that some parents feel they have not had enough input into these decisions.

### What are we aiming to do?

We want to answer these questions:

- What input do expectant parents want and expect to have in these decisions?
- How do their experiences compare with those wishes and expectations?
- How do parents feel about the input they were able to have in decisions?
- What input do obstetricians and midwives think expectant parents want and expect?
- What input do doctors and midwives think expectant parents can and should have?

### How will we do this?

We will interview:

- Parents who talked with doctors about whether their baby should be born 2-6 weeks early.
- Doctors and midwives who talk to expectant parents about the possible early birth of their babies.

### Why is this important?

We hope that understanding more about how decisions are made about a baby being born 2-6 weeks before their due date will improve the experience for all those involved in making these decisions in future.

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# Parental Involvement in decision-making about Planned late preterm and early term birth: the 'PIP' study



Are you an obstetrician or midwife?



Do you talk with expectant parents about whether their babies should be born LPET?



Would you be willing to tell us your views and experiences?

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## Parental Involvement in decision-making about Planned early birth ('PIP') study



Do you have a baby who is less than 6 months old?



Did you talk with a doctor about whether your baby should be born 2-6 weeks early?



Would you be willing to tell us about that experience?

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