

Detailed Information about the Research

POPPY - Neonatal units survey

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Aim

To find out what neonatal units currently provide for parents in relation to communication, information and support.

Design

All neonatal units will be asked to complete a questionnaire to establish a baseline in relation to the provision of information, support and communication for parents who have had a premature baby.

The questionnaire is currently being developed following the systematic reviews that have been part of the first phase of the project and a workshop with members of the neonatal nurse research forum.

This phase of the project will be carried out in the period April – December 2007. Once a key contact has been established within the neonatal unit with someone who specialises in parent support, staff in all 214 neonatal units in the UK will be asked to complete the questionnaire.. An electronic reminder will be sent 3 and 6 weeks later.

Analysis

Data will be entered into SPSS, a statistical package, and analysed with specialist statistical advice.

Dissemination

Results from this study will be written up for publication in peer review journals and presented on related conferences.