

Information for parents

POPPY - research on parents' experiences and needs

POPPY is recruiting people in six neonatal units and from voluntary community groups, for the research study on parents' experiences of having a premature baby to look at the best ways of helping parents who have a premature infant.

What is the purpose of this study?

We would like to find out:

- what kinds of support are helpful to parents,
- what information is useful to parents, and
- how parents would like to be given this information.

Who is carrying out the research?

The research is being conducted by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) in collaboration with the National Childbirth trust (NCT) and BLISS, the premature baby charity.

Getting Involved and giving consent

Parents who are asked to consider taking part are given information about the study before they are asked to decide whether they want to take part. Any parent can decide not to take part and their treatment and their baby's treatment will not be affected in any way.

Who we want to reach

We would like to talk to a wide range of people of all ages, from different parts of the United Kingdom, who have had a premature baby. This may include talking to both mothers and fathers, as their experiences may be different. If parents need help in participating e.g. an interpreter, we can find someone who will be able to help.

What will the research involve?

All parents approached will have a choice of whether to participate in an individual discussion with a researcher, or to participate in a group discussion. If a very large number of people contact us to volunteer to take part, we may need to make some selection decisions about who we can talk to, so that we can make sure we include: people across the UK; across all age groups (from 16+); both men and women; and people with different experiences.

We plan to hold the group discussion or individual discussion in a convenient place. All the discussions will be kept strictly confidential, and no parent will be individually identified.