

The Crossing Babes and Tots, Worksop

All responses, comments and quotes are given in red type.

1. What age are you?					
0-15	16-24	25-34 7	35-44 3	45-54 1	
55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	Prefer not to say	
2. What is your sex / gender?					
Male	Female 8		Non-Binary	Prefer not to say	
3. Have you gone through any part of a process, to bring your physical sex appearance, and/or your gender role, more in line with your gender identity?					
Yes		No 8		Prefer not to say	
3a. Have you had thoughts about going through a process to bring your physical sex appearance, and/or your gender role, more in line with your gender identity?					
Yes		No 8		Prefer not to say	
4. Which of the following options best describes your sexual orientation?					
Heterosexual/ Straight 8	Gay	Lesbian	Bisexual	Other	Prefer not to say
5. What is your ethnic group? Please circle.					
White White British 8 White Irish Other White	Mixed White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian Other Mixed	Asian or Asian British Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Other Asian	Black or Black British Caribbean African Other Black	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group Chinese Other Ethnic Group	
6. What is your religion?					



No religion 6	Atheist	Buddhist	Christian/ Including Roman Catholic 2	Hindu	
Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	Prefer not to say	
7. Do you consider yourself to have a physical disability?					
Yes	No 8	Prefer not to say			
7a. If 'Yes' to question 7, does your disability affect your ability to access services? If so, please tell us briefly how					
Yes (<i>please describe</i>)				No	
8. Do you, or do you consider yourself to have a mental health condition?					
Yes	No 8	Prefer not to say			
8a. If 'Yes' to question 8, does your disability affect your ability to access services? If so, please tell us briefly how					
Yes (<i>please describe</i>)				No	
9. Are you currently pregnant, or expecting a baby?					
Yes	No 8	Prefer not to say			
10. Please specify the number of children that you have, in the following age ranges					
0-3 8	4-10 2	11-16 4	17-21 2	Over 21 4	Prefer not to say
11. What is your marital status?					
Single 2	Co-habiting 1	Married 5	Divorced / separated	Widowed	Prefer not to say
12. Do you have caring responsibilities?					
Yes 1	No 7				



13. Are you serving military personnel or a military veteran?		
Yes – serving military	Yes - veteran	No 8

Responses to question prompts

Carrying on with the development of closer working relationships across all of our hospitals

- The report recommended that the hospitals develop a new way to work together as networks
- This approach supports hospitals to ensure patients get equal access to services and patient care (so where there might currently be differences in, for example, the number of follow-up appointments people might have after the same operation, just because they live in a different town, there would be a change so that everyone in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw would have the same service. This may be different for Derbyshire patients).
- ❖ I have only really been in Bassetlaw hospital so no experiences elsewhere.
- ❖ I live in Worksop but have had to travel out to Harworth for all my Health Visitor appointments. Luckily I have a car, but I wasn't asked if that was the case when I was first told that I would have to go there – I was just allocated a Health Visitor. I couldn't get there once and so she came to see me at home then which of course was much better. Even if they were in Worksop that would help – but they told me that I had to go to Harworth because there were not enough health Visitors available in Worksop. It has made it really difficult for me to get to these check-up appointments.
- ❖ In Sheffield there are still Health Visitors at Baby clinic sessions – it would be much better if we had that service back in Bassetlaw – so yes – make it all the same – but for better not for worse.
- ❖ We don't get enough checks and visits for new babies – the difference between what my 11 year old and my 6 month old got is huge.

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospital and Sheffield Children's working together more closely

- The report recommended that Doncaster and Bassetlaw hospital and Sheffield Children's should explore a more in-depth partnership. For example where one hospital is particularly good at something – such as the experience Sheffield Children's has in caring for children – they would help their partner to learn and benefit from their experience.
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw hospital and Sheffield Children's will look at how working together might make it easier to fill their job vacancies and develop how they train their staff.
- ❖ Son was jaundiced when he was born, Bassetlaw looked after us really well and kept us informed about what was happening. The staff seemed really well trained and informed.



- ❖ My last 2 babies have both been delivered by students which didn't bother me at all – they have got to learn and they were both really hands on during the deliveries. I wasn't worried as they had a more experienced staff member with them.
- ❖ There weren't many staff on the ward at all when I was in so to have more, better trained staff would be great.

Hospitals take forwards their own changes locally because the report has found that a South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw solution isn't always the best option

- The report explains that each Trust is also taking forward its own changes
- Examples include Rotherham building its community services for children's services or Barnsley improving its buildings so that the assessment unit for children is next to the emergency department.
- ❖ I would much rather there be all the services together so that it is a one stop shop whenever we go for routine appointments.
- ❖ All together is better so that if I have to take my baby to 2 different places it is quick and easy.

Bassetlaw partners take forward work to consider local solutions.

- The report states that there are no immediate, known safety issues at any sites, but that a risk of safety issues on the Bassetlaw site has previously been avoided by removing overnight stays and moving temporarily to a model where they just have an assessment unit for children. The work of the Review suggested that staffing issues remain, and that the same risk would arise again at Bassetlaw if Bassetlaw were to return to an overnight inpatient children's unit.
- The report supports Bassetlaw CCG and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital in continuing to test potential partnership working with Sheffield Children's Trust as a way to strengthen services, but suggests that it is not likely that this would be sufficient to support a reopening of overnight inpatient children's services. The report invites Bassetlaw CCG, working with the Trust, to work together to consider local options.
- ❖ I understand that people need to be trained and that it's a good idea if they do it like that where staff share skills, but if it at the risk of leaving another hospital short staffed because staff are training others elsewhere then this needs to be sorted out first. Rather than taking a person off their shift and leaving them short then they make sure extra staff are covering. They could also think about when the quieter times are when someone could be free to train.
- ❖ I'm quite lucky that I have my husband at home so if we needed to go further for hospital services we could. But it's still not ideal as I have another child to care for and immediate family are not always around to help. I have a car but getting back and forth would still be time consuming and expensive.
- ❖ When I was on the children's ward with my daughter in Bassetlaw about a month ago they told me that they had 2 paediatric Doctors on hand at all time – so why isn't the ward open overnight? They gave me a 48 hour return pass and told me that the paediatric Doctors were always on site so what is going on?



- ❖ Transport is still a big worry. I've been on the shuttle bus and there isn't any room for a pram. Also it finishes at 6 so I had a friend who was trying to get back from Doncaster hospital having been discharged at 11pm. She had gone on a blue light run so she had no pram, no purse and no way of getting home. I had a friend who worked there who I was able to contact and she did manage to sort out a taxi for that she later paid her back for, but what would she have done otherwise? She literally had no way to get back to Worksop with her baby if it wasn't for my friend at the hospital.
- ❖ The staff on Bassetlaw children's ward are amazing – it seems such a waste that it isn't open overnight as it was like a ghost town when I was there.

Additional general comments:

- ❖ *Don't like the fact that there is no longer a health visitor you can speak to and ask for help and advice when you go to weigh your baby. I've stopped going because this is my 6th child (she is 6 months old and hasn't been weighed since she was 9 weeks old) and I know if the weight and size looks right. However if I did have a question or a little concern, because there is no Health Visitor to ask then I would just book in to see my Gp instead, and if I couldn't get in there I would go up to A&E. Surely it would be cheaper to have a health visitor available to speak to rather than us all using the GP or A&E time up? Like I say – this is my 6th child, but for a first time Mum it must be really scary not having someone to ask really basic questions to so you worry more and end up with the GP or A&E.*
- ❖ *There needs to be more nurses or carers in the health system – there are never enough and they are the ones who really make the difference.*

