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Continuity of Carer Corner – April 2024

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From the AIMS Continuity of Carer Campaign Group

Introduction

Every couple of months a small group of AIMS volunteers, who have an interest in the AIMS Continuity of Carer campaign, meet to discuss the various themes embedded in this model of maternity care, and to brainstorm different ideas and thinking.

Recent work includes:

- responding to a call of evidence - The House of Lords Preterm Birth Committee on how continuity of midwifery carer can help to reduce preterm births
- reviewing for update the AIMS Continuity of Carer position paper https://www.aims.org.uk/campaigning/item/positionpapers
- The annual review the previous year of this AIMS campaign should be available soon on the website
- reviewing the latest Cochcrane report: Are midwife continuity of care models versus other models of care for childbearing women better for women and their babies?

AIMS continues to play a leading role in supporting an effective Charities and Service Users Maternity Continuity Network.

We are also working to retain our status as a valued stakeholder for England policy implementation.

Part of our campaign work is keeping abreast of how the continuity model is being rolled out across the

UK, looking at how we can influence political party manifestos, and commenting on midwifery professional development modules.

However we do know how important it is to hear from the women who experience continuity of midwifery care, and we therefore plan to bring their voices to this corner of the journal. So please catch up here with every edition of the journal!