

New Research Project at the University of Dundee: disabled women's experiences of using maternity services when they experience domestic abuse

An experienced team of researchers from the University of Dundee, University of Manchester, University of Edinburgh, Queen's University Belfast and NHS Fife are looking for women to take part in a new research project. Funded by the charity, Wellbeing of Women, we want to find out about women's experiences of using maternity services when they have a disability and have experienced domestic abuse.

We would like to speak to women who:

- have some form of disability or health condition, including women with mobility, visual, hearing or communication impairments, mental health issues or learning disabilities.
- have experienced physical, emotional, sexual or financial abuse from an intimate partner
- and have recently been pregnant, including women who have had a miscarriage, termination or stillbirth.

Taking part in the project will involve an informal, one-to-one interview lasting approximately one hour. The interviewer will ask you about your experiences of using maternity or reproductive services to find out what helped you, or what made it more difficult, to get the care you needed. We will make sure that interviews are carried out at a time and place that suits you. A small thank you gift will be given to all participants and we will reimburse your travel expenses where appropriate. All information will be treated in absolute confidence.

We think it is really important to hear from women directly and we will use the information you give us to help improve services in the future.

If you are interested in taking part in the study or you just want some more information, please contact Dr. Jenna Breckenridge at j.breckenridge@dundee.ac.uk or 01382388658