NHS Maternity Survey 2015 e-bulletin 2

This is the second Maternity Survey e-bulletin from the Coordination Centre. It outlines provisional key dates and updates you on actions that need to be taken by trusts.

The first e-bulletin was sent out last week and contained other important information about the survey. To read it again, go to: www.nhssurveys.org/surveys/830.

Expected key dates

PLEASE NOTE: these are currently provisional, pending Section 251 approval

- Display posters and inform 16-17 year old mothers about the survey: January and February
- Trust webinar 21st Jan 3-4pm
- Guidance manuals and sampling documents published following Section 251 approval: late January 2015
- Other survey documents (questionnaire, covering letters etc.) published: late February 2015
- Sample checking: 13th April – 1st May 2015
- Fieldwork: 27th April – 28th August 2015
- Data deadline: 4th September 2015

Action for you to take

Save the date – trust webinar

A webinar for all trust contacts will be held on January 21st from 3:00pm – 4:00pm . Further details will be sent nearer the time.

Choice of approved contractor

Please let us know your trust's choice of approved contractor, or whether you are completing the maternity survey in-house, by **15th January 2015** via mat.cc@pickereurope.ac.uk. Please note: you are not obliged to sign up with approved contractor by this date, but please aim to let us know if you are planning to use a contractor by the 15th, or as soon as you can after this date. This is so we can be sure that our records are up to date, and to provide contractors and in house trusts with a large enough supply of the CQC flyer for inclusion in the survey mailing packs.

The approved contractors for the 2015 Maternity Survey are: Capita, Patient Perspective, Picker Institute Europe and Quality Health (contact details at www.nhssurveys.org/approvedcontractors).

Posters and leaflets

All trusts must display posters informing women about the survey **throughout January and February**. During this time you must also provide information to 16 and 17 year old mothers about the survey, and providing them with details on how to opt out. Please see the previous e-bulletin (www.nhssurveys.org/surveys/830) and the following web addresses for further details.

Please note, **trusts will need to print these materials themselves**. They can be found at the following web addresses:

Posters: www.nhssurveys.org/survey/1515
Leaflets for young mothers: www.nhssurveys.org/survey/1516
Briefing for staff on informing young mothers: www.nhssurveys.org/survey/1517

Please don't hesitate to contact us at mat.cc@pickereurope.ac.uk or 01865 208127 if you need any further information.