

## Seminar 15: **Continuity of Carer and Local Delivery of Care**

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The Best Start report of the Scottish Government's review of maternity and neonatal Services, was published earlier this year. The report recognised that maternity and neonatal services generally provided high quality care, however the time is right to refresh the model and further improve care, based on latest evidence, best practice and feedback from families and staff. We are fundamentally reshaping services to truly put the mother, baby and family at the centre of service planning and care delivery, and to keep mother and baby together as much as possible.

Women told us that getting to know the staff, particularly midwives, who look after them during maternity care is really important to them. That is why one of the key recommendations is to move to a continuity of carer midwifery model.

The seminar session would focus on what the continuity of carer and local delivery of care model looks like and what it would mean for staff. It would also provide an opportunity to communicate the latest progress and updates to a wide audience of staff who will be directly affected by these changes. We would hope that the seminar would go some way to addressing any fears people have about the new model of care, burst any myths and rumours currently circulating and put our key messages on record.

The details of the speaker and exact style of presentation will be confirmed but we hope that we could secure a seminar session for this important topic which will fundamentally change the way the current and future midwifery workforce operate.