

PREGNANCY & BABY CHARITIES NETWORK

The Pregnancy & Baby Charities Network (PBCN) is committed to improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for new and expectant parents and their babies.

Who we are:

We represent 33 UK registered charities whose purpose is to:

- Reduce the number of babies who die during pregnancy, birth or in the early months of life
- Reduce morbidity in newborn babies and improve care for these babies and their parents
- Improve education and care* throughout the path to parenthood; before, during and after pregnancy and after losing a baby or pregnancy

We share a mission to:

- Make the UK one of the safest places in the world in which to have a baby, regardless of ethnicity, income or circumstances
- Give all sick and premature babies the best chance of survival and quality of life
- Provide every family with the bereavement care they need after a pregnancy or baby loss

We know that to reach our goals, everyone must have unhindered access to the information, support and care they need, when they need it, across the pregnancy and baby journey.

We want to see prioritised:

- Reductions in poor maternity and neonatal outcomes
- Reductions in inequalities across the antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal periods
- Investment to achieve a fully-resourced, trained, culturally competent maternity and neonatal workforce
- The provision of accurate, accessible and timely information to expectant and new parents so they can make informed choices about their and their babies' care
- Bereavement support for all parents impacted by baby loss

DEFINITIONS:

* 'care' includes physical and mental health and access to optimal information - covering preconception, pregnancy and birth and after birth

** we use the term 'parent' to denote all pregnant women, birthing people and their partners, all parents and carers of newborn babies, and all bereaved family members including those who have experienced a miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy