



Update on the Family Nurse Partnership

The Family Nurse Partnership team was established in August 2008 and following the team's initial training the recruitment of families commenced 29th September.

The recruitment of families is going well and is on target (By May 2009 the team must have recruited 80 young mothers 20 years and under and 20 mothers between 20 – 22 years of age)

See table below for recruitment.

Month	Number of potential clients notified to FNP team	Number of clients recruited to FNP
Sept 2008	9	8
Oct 2008	10	8
Nov 2008	13	9
Dec 2008	12	9
January 2009		<i>Verbal update at HOSC</i>
February 2009		<i>Verbal update at HOSC</i>

- 5 parents have declined to take up the programme for a variety of reasons
- Two babies have now been born within the programme.
- Recruitment to the additional pilot project for first time mothers 20 – 22year olds has not been so easy. This is exactly the same for Islington PCT. However with persistence the team has been able to engage all of the eligible mothers
- The Programme has set clear criteria for this age group [Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) and not in regular paid employment and/or NEET with no qualifications] for recruitment and both pilot sites have found that only using this criteria has presented challenges.
- There has been one incident for the local team of being unable to recruit a very vulnerable 20-22 year old mother because she **did have** qualifications, hence not meeting the criteria. In this instance and following a discussion with the FNP

supervisor the Project Lead took the decision to recruit this client. She is doing well within the programme.

- The decision to accept this client onto the programme was raised at one of the data reporting meetings with Birkbeck and the central FNP team.
- As a result of this East Sussex has been asked to do a further exercise around identifying specific mitigating factors that could potentially be used as broader criteria for this age group – either to be tested by subsequent pilot sites or to be considered as part of the roll out process for Wave 2 sites.
- It must be noted that the excellent partnerships that have been developed with local midwifery services has aided the smooth running of the recruitment process to the Family Nurse Partnership Programme
- Wave 2 sites have been advised by the central team that they can choose to continue to recruit to the programme (once the initial 100 clients have been recruited). There will however be no further funding from the DH to support this. ESCC and Hastings & Rother PCT need to consider this option.