

# ANALYSIS OF ENGAGEMENT: BIRTHPLACE DECISIONS LEAFLET

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## 1. Introduction

In 2017, the Scottish Government published 'The Best Start: A Five-Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care in Scotland'. It set out a number of recommendations for a family-centred, safe and compassionate approach to maternity and neonatal care which recognises everyone's unique circumstances and preferences.

A key objective of the Best Start was to make sure women and their families have the information and evidence they need to make informed decisions about their care and that of their baby. Choosing where to give birth is an important decision, and it is essential that pregnant women and their partners have access to high-quality, clear, evidence-based information to help them make this choice.

In collaboration with a group of experts, the Scottish Government developed a new leaflet on Birthplace Decisions to be offered to pregnant women by their clinician. This leaflet can be used to support discussions about where to give birth.

This leaflet is a national information source, relevant to pregnant women and their families across Scotland. The leaflet does not replace other sources of information, but provides national, standardised core information that should be available to all women in Scotland.

A survey was conducted through Citizen Space, the Scottish Government's online consultation hub to gather the views of interested stakeholders on the leaflet prior to publication.

We welcomed responses from all interested parties and noted this would be particularly relevant if:

- you are pregnant or have recently given birth
- your partner is pregnant or has recently given birth
- you support pregnant women and their partners
- you are a member of a patient representative group or Maternity Voices Partnership
- you work in a relevant field of healthcare
- you are training in a relevant field of healthcare
- you work in a relevant field of healthcare management
- you work in healthcare education

The survey was launched on Citizen Space on 3 June and closed on 3 July 2024.

When responding to the online survey via Citizen Space, participants indicated whether they were content for their response to be published with or without their name, or if they did not want their response published. The quotes contained within this report are only from respondents who were content for their responses to be published.

It is important to note that public consultation of this kind means anyone can express their views. This self-selection means the views of respondents do not necessarily

represent the views of the wider population. However, the views which were received contributed to the final version of the [Birthplace Decisions leaflet](#).

All of the responses received have been [published](#) (if consent was given) and analysed, and this report provides an overview of those findings. This report analyses responses to each of the questions in turn, beginning with quantitative analysis of the closed questions, followed by any themes identified through analysis of open-text responses. A summary of changes made in response to the findings of this survey is included after the analysis of the responses.

## **2. What We Asked**

We asked a total of 11 questions. 10 were closed questions with a follow-up open-text box so respondents could expand on their answer. One question was solely a closed question. The survey questions can be found in Annex A.

## **3. What You Said**

The survey received 61 responses. Of these, 49 were from individuals and 12 were from organisations. Respondents completing the survey as individuals were asked to provide the name of the Health Board area they live in. This data is presented in Annex B.

All responses have been reviewed in full. The responses to the closed elements of questions were analysed by calculating the total counts for each response option. A thematic analysis has been carried out for each open-text response, with responses allocated to common themes.

In reporting on the analysis of open questions, the following descriptors have been used to report on the number of respondents to each question raising a particular issue or theme:

- 'a small number' - up to 5 respondents
- 'a few' - between 6 and 9 respondents
- 'a small minority' - more than 9 respondents but less than 10%
- 'a significant minority' - between approximately 10-24% of respondents
- 'a large minority' - more than a quarter of respondents but less than half
- 'a majority' - more than half

Due to the small number of respondents, in all but one case (question 3), all themes identified in the responses to open questions have only been raised by a small number of respondents (up to 5). Some themes were only raised by one respondent; these themes have not been discussed in this report.

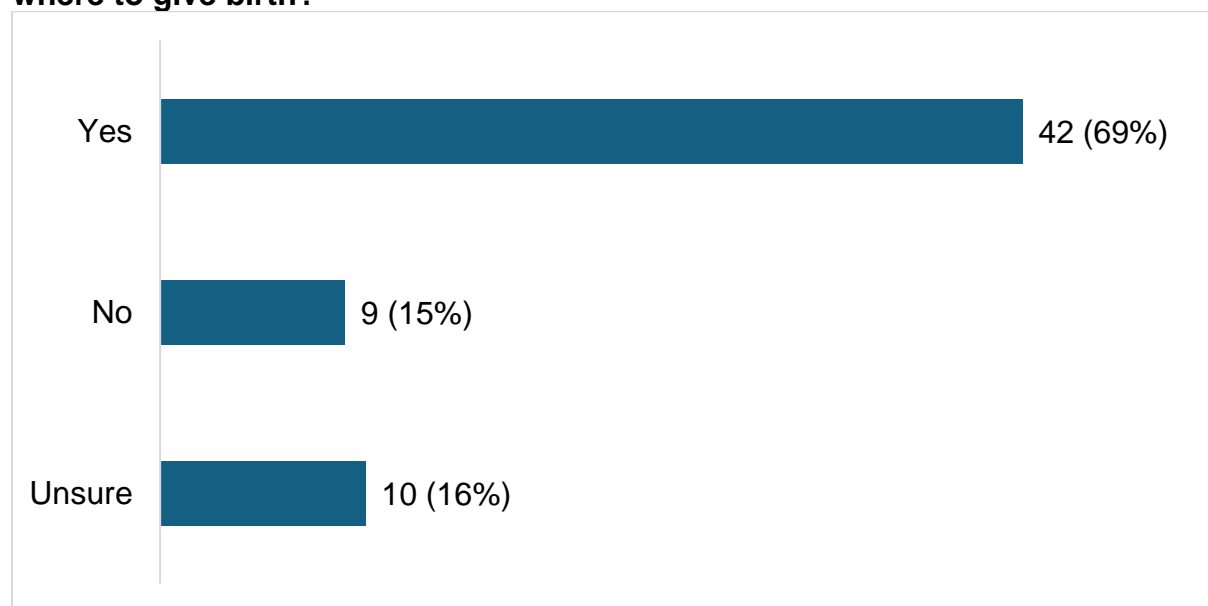
Quotes are presented for some questions where they particularly illustrate key themes.

**QUESTION 1A: Do you think this leaflet gives pregnant women and their partners relevant information that will help them to make an informed choice about where to give birth?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of three response options (Yes/No/Unsure).

The majority of respondents reported that they thought the leaflet would help women and their partners make an informed choice about where to give birth (69%). Just under a sixth were unsure (16%) and a further sixth said it would not help (15%).

**Figure 1: Do you think this leaflet gives pregnant women and their partners relevant information that will help them to make an informed choice about where to give birth?**



**QUESTION 1B: If no, or unsure, what other information would you expect to be included?**

19 respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common themes in the responses to this question included:

- a small number of respondents reported that they would like more information about risks and advantages of different birth places and evidence to support this
- a small number of respondents suggested that more up to date figures should be added to the leaflet
- a small number of respondents suggested that the leaflet should include information about inductions in different birth settings

Quote from open-text responses:

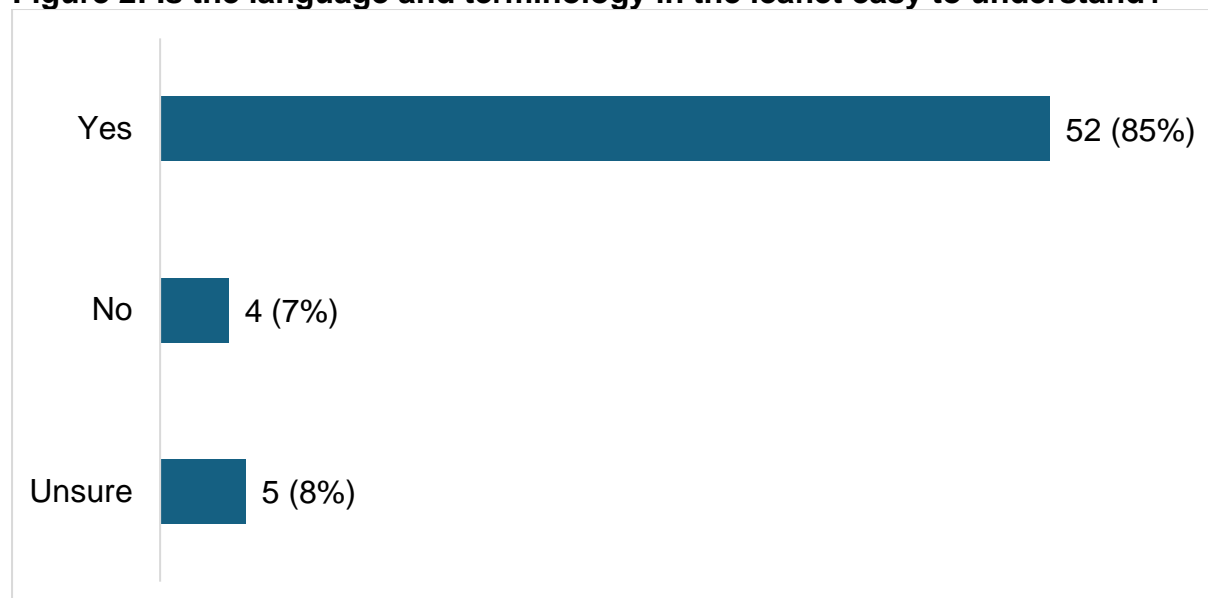
“Information about inductions as an intervention appears to be missing from the data sets presented.”

#### **QUESTION 2A: Is the language and terminology in the leaflet easy to understand?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of three response options (Yes/No/Unsure).

The majority of respondents found the language and terminology used in the leaflet easy to understand (85%). Under a tenth were unsure (8%) and under a tenth said it was not easy to understand (7%).

**Figure 2: Is the language and terminology in the leaflet easy to understand?**



#### **QUESTION 2B: If you have answered no, or unsure, do you have any specific improvements you would like to suggest?**

10 respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common themes in the responses to this question included:

- a small number of respondents suggested spelling out and standardising abbreviations used
- a small number of respondents suggested that an Easy Read version of the leaflet is prepared to meet the needs of women who require this format
- a small number also suggested the leaflet should be made available in other languages
- a small number of respondents suggested reducing complexity of terms used and defining phrases if technical
- a small number of respondents suggested that the leaflet should be clearer about risks

Quote from open-text responses:

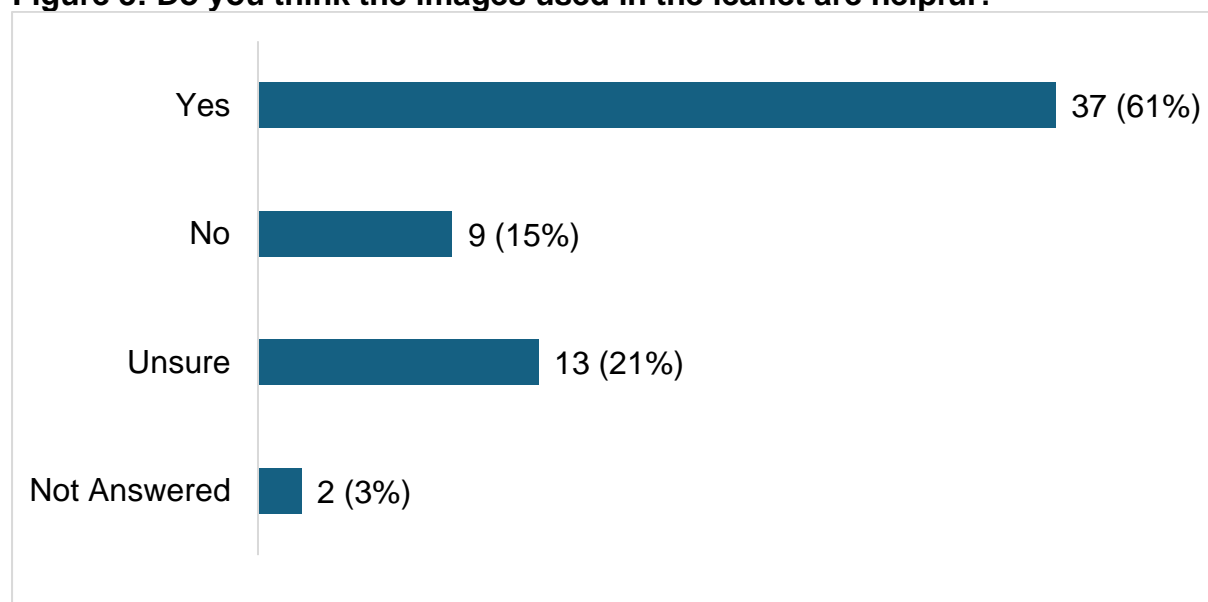
"The leaflet must be translated into community languages; or a link to the online translated leaflet. There are disparities in maternal care for diverse pregnant mothers and greater access to this information will help lessen some of those"

### QUESTION 3A: Do you think the images used in the leaflet are helpful?

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of three response options (Yes/No/Unsure).

Just under two-thirds found the images used in the leaflet helpful (61%) whereas just under a sixth did not think the images were helpful (15%). Just under a quarter of respondents were unsure (21%).

**Figure 3: Do you think the images used in the leaflet are helpful?**



### QUESTION 3B: If no, what changes would you like to see?

18 respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common themes in the responses to this question included:

- a few respondents suggested that the infographics showing outcomes data were too complicated or hard to read
- a small number responded that they found the graphics used showing outcomes data were helpful
- a small number of respondents suggested that there needs to be more diversity in the images used in the leaflet
- a small number of respondents suggested that images showing more of the birth settings available should be included



Quotes from open-text responses:

"The graphics are hugely helpful visual aids and would be welcomed for decision"

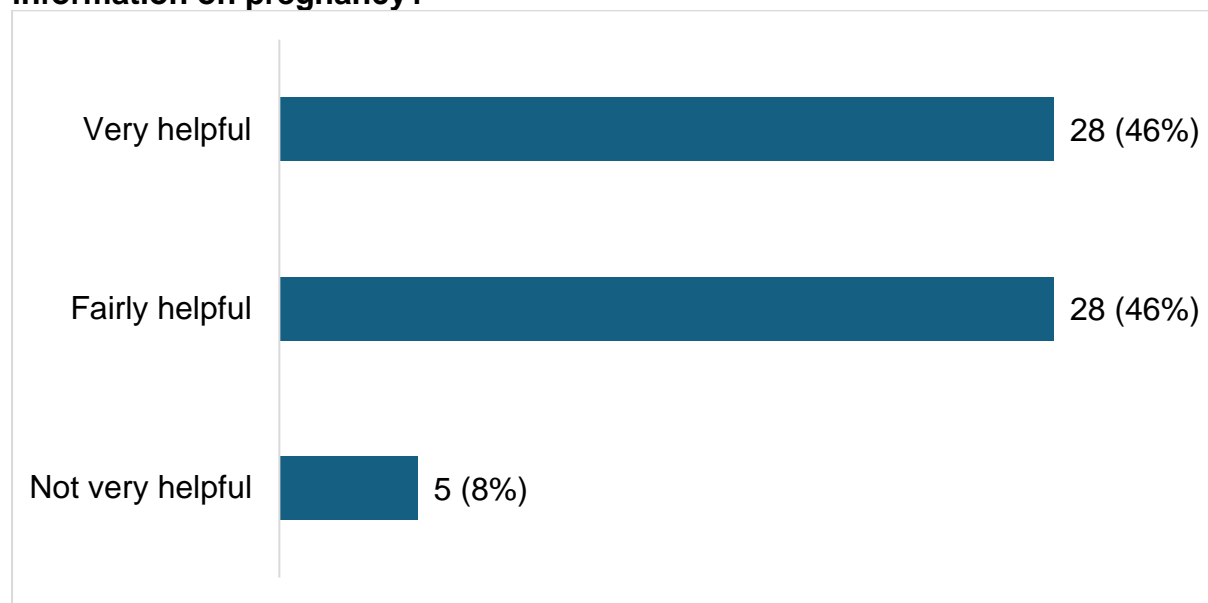
"The infographics on pages 10-12 are difficult to understand at first glance"

**QUESTION 4: In general, how helpful do you think leaflets are as a source of information on pregnancy?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

The vast majority of respondents answered that, in general, they found the leaflets to be a very helpful (46%) or fairly helpful source of information (46%). Under a tenth found the leaflets not very helpful (8%). None responded that they found them not at all helpful.

**Figure 4: In general, how helpful do you think leaflets are as a source of information on pregnancy?**

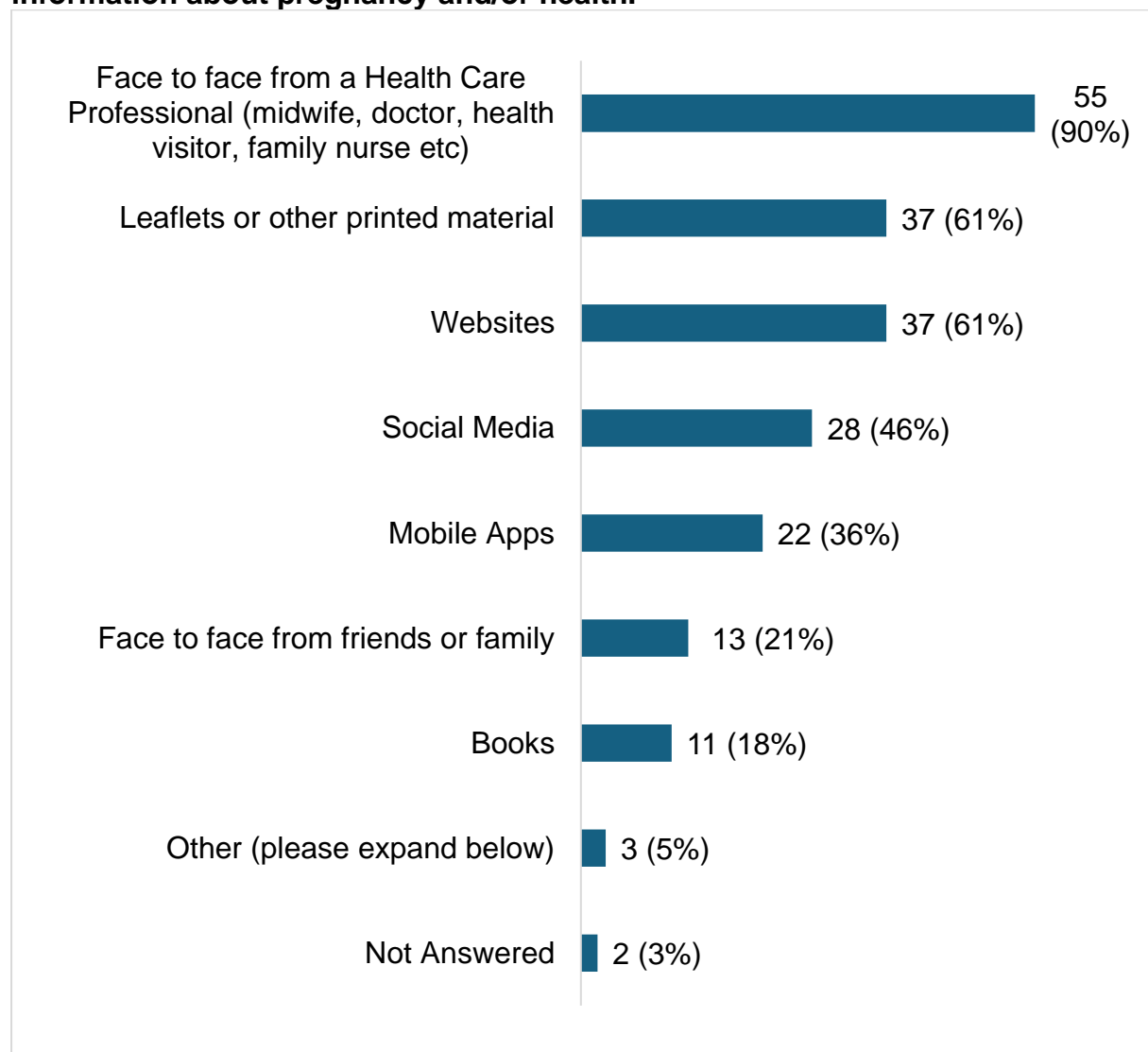


**QUESTION 5A: We would like to know how you like to access and receive information, particularly information about pregnancy and/or health. From the list below, please check all the options which apply.**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents could choose multiple answers to this question.

The most commonly selected way to access and receive information was "Face to face from a Health Care Professional (midwife, doctor, health visitor, family nurse etc)" (90%), followed by "leaflets or printed material" and "websites" as the joint-second (61%) most popular ways.

**Figure 5: How do you like to access and receive information, particularly information about pregnancy and/or health.**



**QUESTION 5B: If you answered 'other', please expand in the text box below if you wish**

Five respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. Some additional ways of receiving information were provided, but only by one respondent. The other four respondents did not name other sources of information.

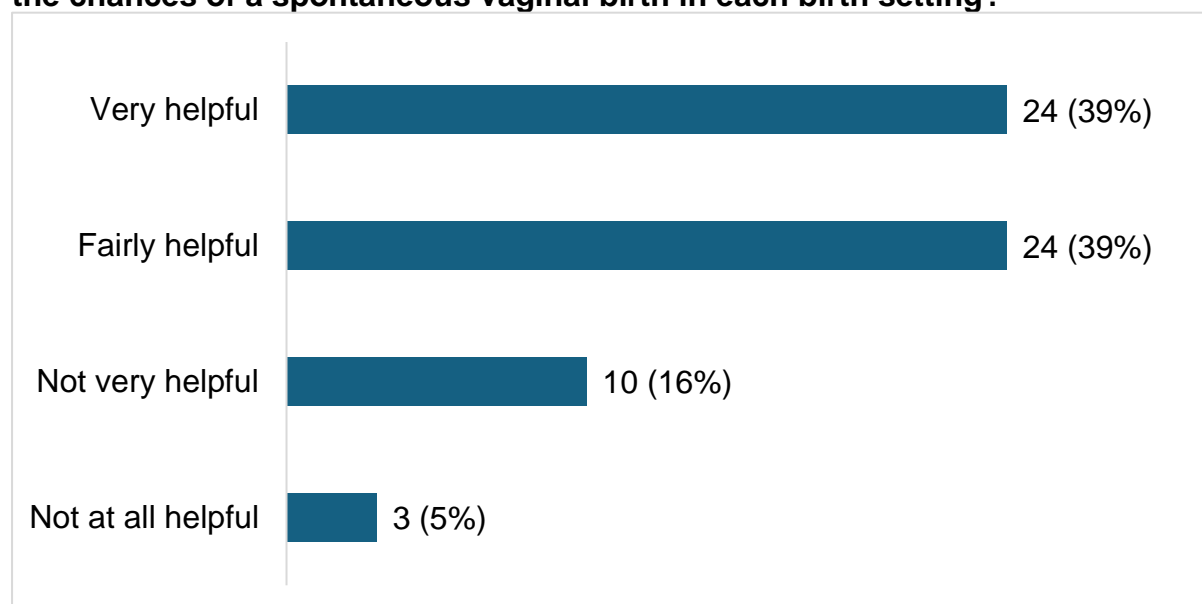
**QUESTION 6A Part 1: How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on the chances of a spontaneous vaginal birth in each birth setting?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

Question 6A was a three-part question about three tables in the leaflet, which illustrated information about the chances of different outcomes in different birth settings. The following three charts refer to each of the three tables on the different outcomes in different birth settings.

The vast majority of respondents found the information provided on spontaneous vaginal birth to be very helpful (39%) or fairly helpful (39%). Just over a fifth of respondents found it to be either not very helpful (16%) or not at all helpful (5%).

**Figure 6.1: How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on the chances of a spontaneous vaginal birth in each birth setting?**

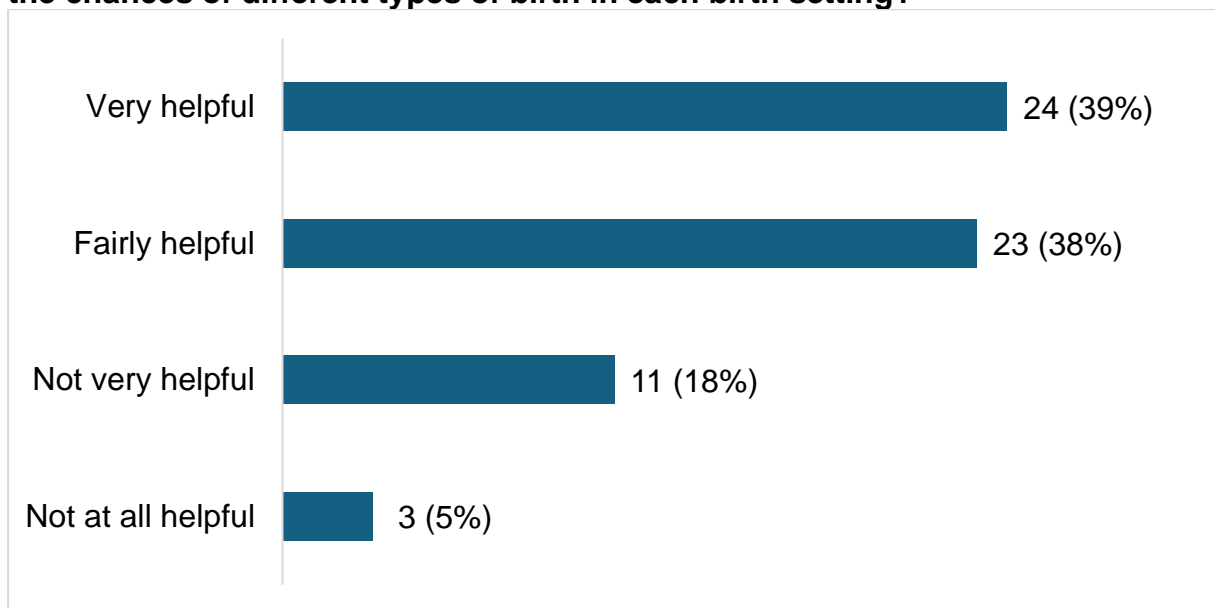


**QUESTION 6A Part 2: How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on the chances of different types of birth in each birth setting?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

The vast majority of respondents found the information provided on the chances of different types of birth in each birth setting to be very helpful (39%) or fairly helpful (38%). Just under a quarter of respondents found it be not very helpful (18%) or not at all helpful (5%).

**Figure 6.2: How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on the chances of different types of birth in each birth setting?**

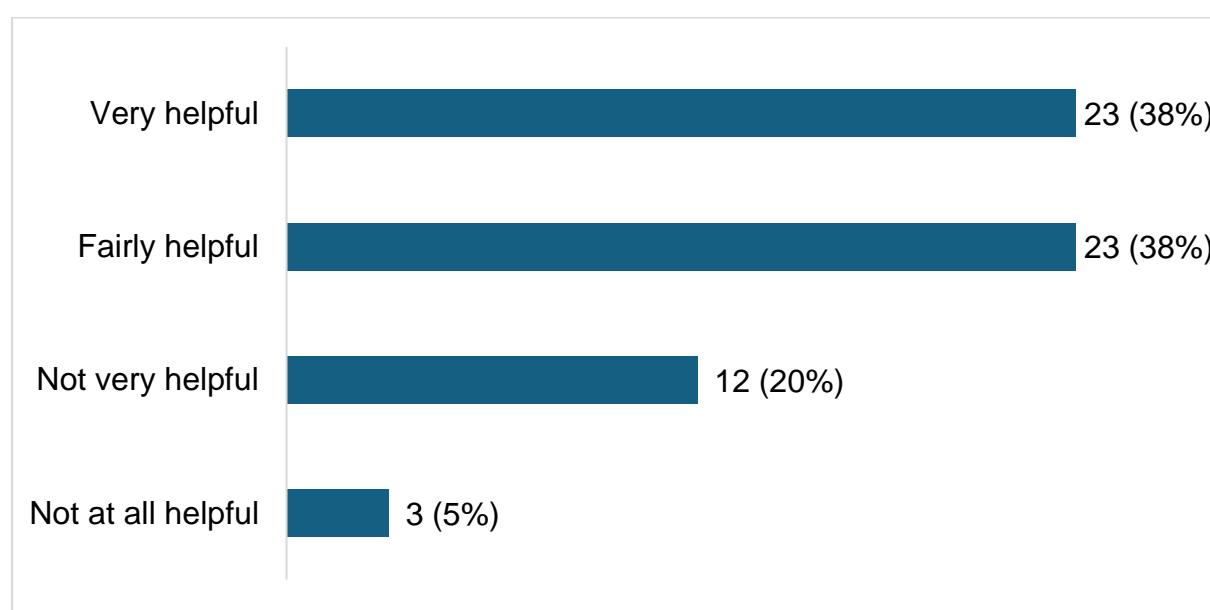


**QUESTION 6A Part 3: How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on the risk of complications in each birth setting?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

The vast majority of respondents found the information provided on the risk of complications in each birth setting to be very helpful (38%) or fairly helpful (38%). A quarter of respondents found it be not very helpful (20%) or not at all helpful (5%).

**Figure 6.3: How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on the risk of complications in each birth setting?**



**QUESTION 6B: If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' for any of the above questions please share your views.**

Respondents had the opportunity to expand their answers to questions 6A.1, 6A.2 and 6A.3. 17 respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common themes in the responses to this question included:

- a small number found it difficult to read the tables for reasons including: colours or colour contrast, too busy, too small, difficult to read.
- a small number reported that the data in tables was not specific to Scotland
- a small number reported that the data in tables is historic
- a small number reported that including tables about outcomes can scare some women, and not all women want to know the chance of different outcomes

Quotes from open-text responses:

"Everyone is different and I don't want to be influenced by statistics. I think people should be encouraged to think for themselves and make own decisions based on positives, negatives and how these relate to their own opinions."

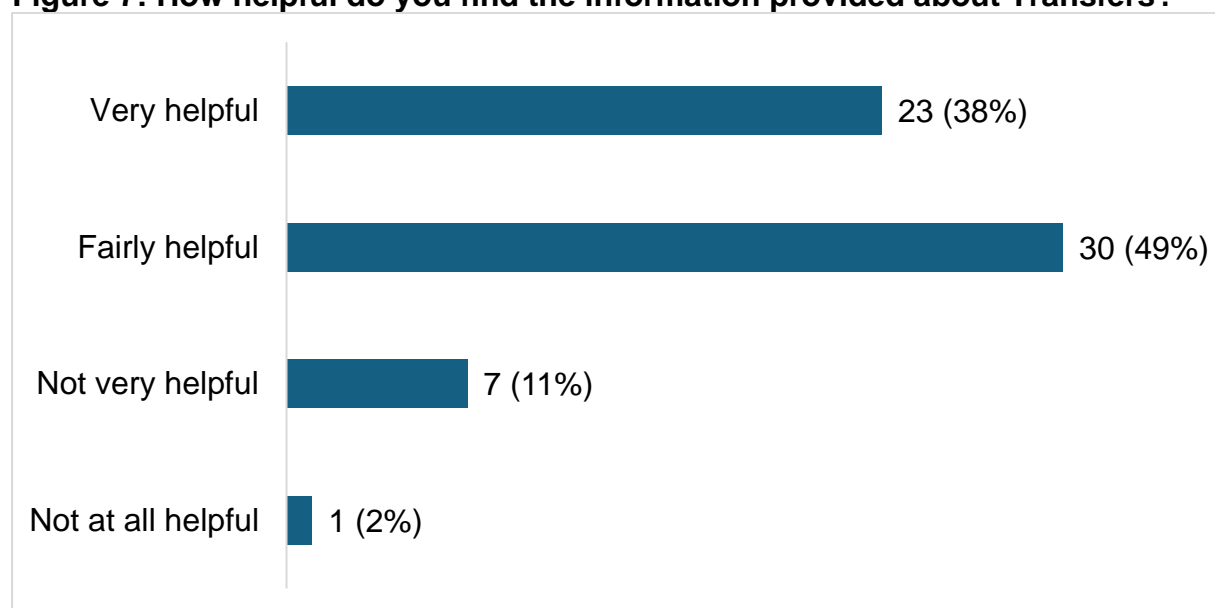
"Helpful information, but very difficult to read, due to the colours and lack of contrast between categories."

#### **QUESTION 7A: How helpful do you find the information provided about Transfers?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

The vast majority of respondents responded that they found the information provided about Transfers to be very helpful (38%) or fairly helpful (49%). Just over a tenth of respondents found it to be not very helpful (11%) or not helpful at all (2%).

**Figure 7: How helpful do you find the information provided about Transfers?**



#### **QUESTION 7B: If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views**

Eight respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common theme found in the open-text answers to this question was that it should be updated to reflect more detailed information, such as current transfer capacity levels, transfer pathways and transfer guidance and the neonatal transport service.

Quote from open-text responses:

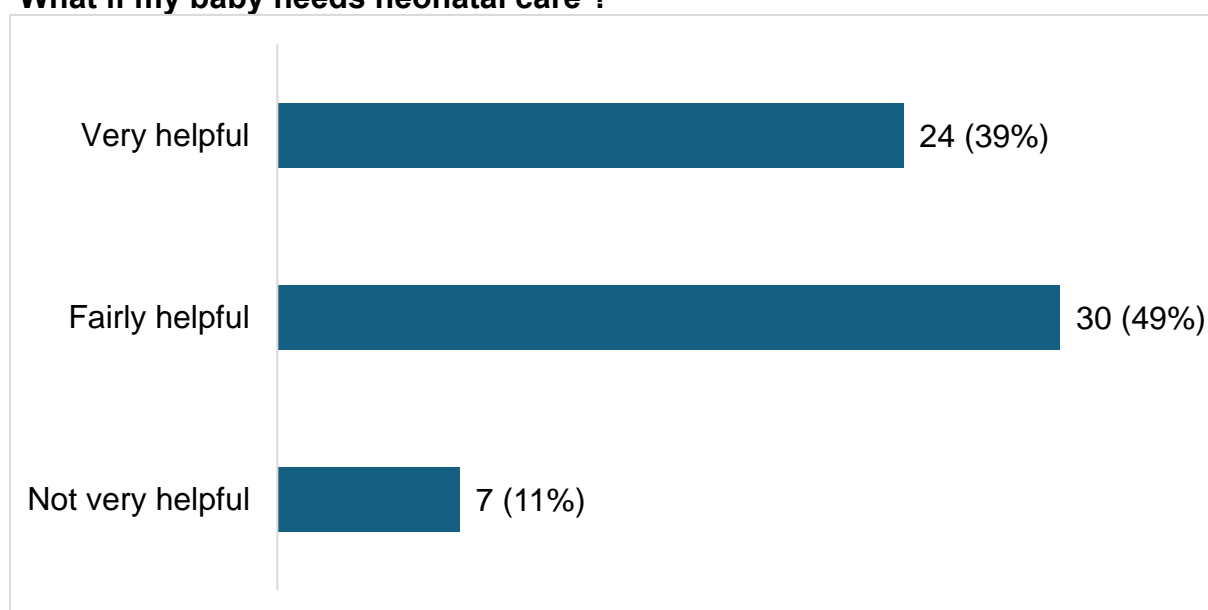
"The messaging about potential risk and need for transfer is welcomed and helpful. However there is no reference to the Scottish Perinatal Network and the work progressed through that group and/or reference to the transfer challenges in the current climate from a capacity demand perspective and transfer pathways for inter hospital vs emergency response."

**QUESTION 8A: How helpful do you find the information provided in the section 'What if my baby needs neonatal care'?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

The vast majority of respondents responded that they found the information provided in the section 'What if my baby needs neonatal care' to be very helpful (39%) or fairly helpful (49%). Just over a tenth found the information to be not very helpful (11%) and none responded that they found the information not at all helpful.

**Figure 8: How helpful do you find the information provided in the section 'What if my baby needs neonatal care'?**



**QUESTION 8B: If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views.**

Eight respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common themes in the responses to this question included:

- a small number suggested it should be updated to include the new model of neonatal intensive care
- a small number suggested more information should be included on neonatal care

- a small number suggested more information should be included on neonatal transfer

Quote from open-text responses:

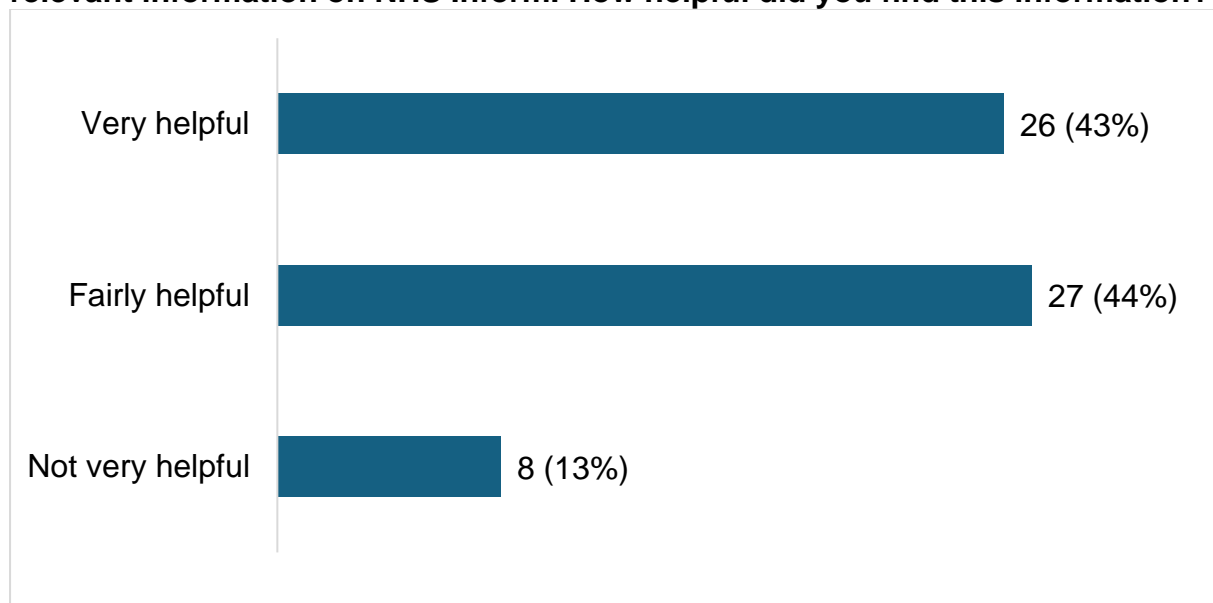
“...more reassurance and explanation of neonatal would be beneficial here. I didn’t know what to expect when I first walked in...”

**QUESTION 9A: Page 14 includes the national guidance on consent and a link to the relevant information on NHS Inform. How helpful did you find this information?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

The vast majority of respondents responded that they found the information on consent to be very helpful (43%) or fairly helpful (44%). Just over a tenth found the information to be not very helpful (13%) and none responded that they found the information not at all helpful.

**Figure 9: Page 14 includes the national guidance on consent and a link to the relevant information on NHS Inform. How helpful did you find this information?**



**QUESTION 9B: If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views.**

Nine respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common themes in the responses to this question included:

- a small number suggested more information on consent should be included
- a small number suggested that more information about women’s choice should be included



Quote from open-text responses:

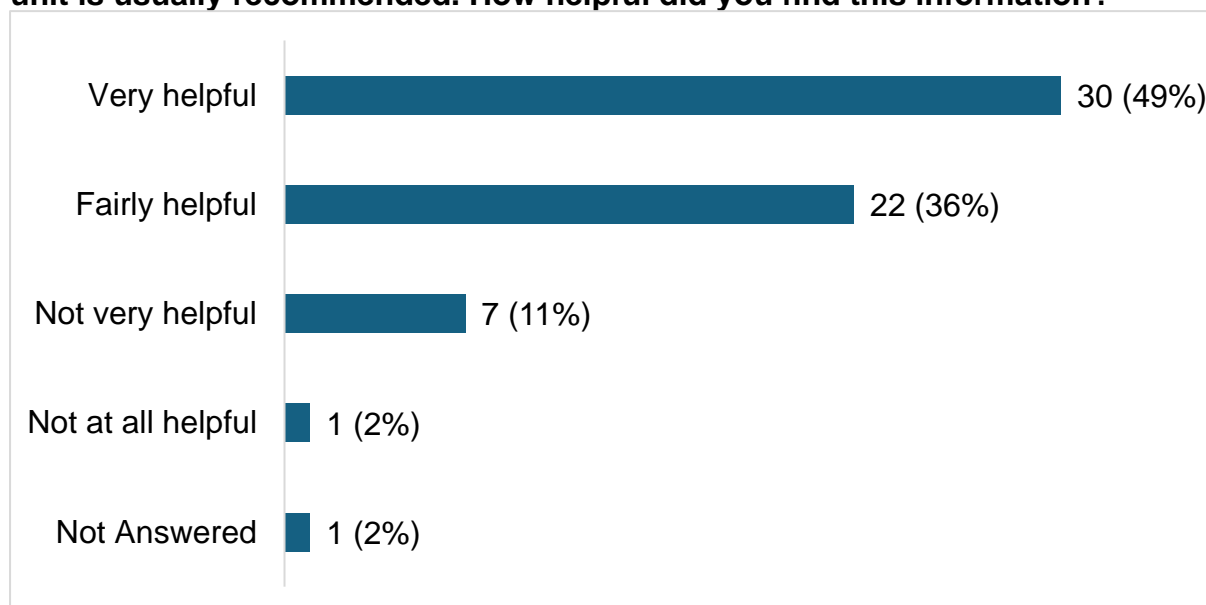
“I think more emphasis on whatever you decide, it's your choice and should never be pressured into anything.”

**QUESTION 10A: Appendix 1 on pages 15 – 17 gives information on when birth in an obstetric unit is usually recommended. How helpful did you find this information?**

All 61 respondents answered this question. Respondents were asked to select one of four response options (Very helpful/Fairly helpful/Not very helpful/Not at all helpful).

The vast majority of respondents responded that they found the information about when birth in an obstetric unit is usually recommended to be very helpful (49%) or fairly helpful (36%). Just over a tenth found the information not to be very helpful (11%) or not at all helpful (2%).

**Appendix 1 on pages 15 – 17 gives information on when birth in an obstetric unit is usually recommended. How helpful did you find this information?**



**QUESTION 10B: If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views.**

Eight respondents answered this follow-up open-text question. The most common themes in the responses to this question included:

- a small number suggested that more information should be included, such as specific risks for each condition mentioned
- a small number found the list overwhelming

Quotes from open-text responses:

"This is not for lay people. Some conditions are given a lay explanation, others no. It should be consistent."

"...women with risk factors also need to be given the option about birth places, and they need to be provided with unbiased good quality evidence to do so, and not just being told "you have risk factors, obstetric led units are best for you"."

**QUESTION 11: Is there anything else you would like to see included in the Birthplace decisions leaflet?**

Question 11 was an open-text question. There were 21 responses to this question.

The most common themes in the open-text responses to this question included:

- A small number suggested including a new section on planned caesareans
- A small number suggested updating figures used in tables

Quotes from open-text responses:

"Primary elective sections should be a section of there own with clear advice around how to arrange consultation to discuss this"

"...there will be a requirement for individual NHS Boards to provide a lot of reassurance and local context to birth outcomes."

#### 4. What We Did

The Birthplace Decision leaflet was published on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and is available here: [Birthplace decisions Information for pregnant women and partners on planning where to give birth - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/birthplace-decisions)

Analysis of responses to the questions show that respondents were generally supportive of the leaflet, finding it helpful in communicating the information that pregnant women and their partners need to help them to make an informed choice about place of birth. The majority of respondents were positive about the images and tables used in the leaflet, and found the language and terminology used easy to understand. Respondents were also positive about leaflets as a source of information.

All open-text responses were read, grouped into themes, and considered carefully by the Scottish Government. A record of changes made to the leaflet in response to feedback received is provided in this section.

Respondents were invited to expand their answers in the open-text box if they chose “no”, “unsure”, “not very helpful”, “not at all helpful” to capture suggestions on how the leaflet could be improved. Respondents could still write in the open-text box if they chose other options.

#### **Question 1: Do you think this leaflet gives pregnant women and their partners relevant information that will help them to make an informed choice about where to give birth?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: risk, statistics and induction (further detail provided in analysis of Question 1B).

Changes:

- Additional information was included in the leaflet about the type of care which can be provided in each setting, and when women may need to be transferred to hospital. Suggestions of the types of thing women may want to consider when weighing risks and benefits of different places of birth have been included. A new paragraph on risk has been included on page 5.
- No more up-to-date, national statistics about birth outcomes in different settings are available, so tables in the leaflet could not be updated. As the majority of respondents still found the tables fairly or very helpful, these have been kept but simplified.
- As the focus of this leaflet is place of birth rather than type of birth, we have not included a new section on inductions. Information on [induced labour](#) is available on Ready Steady Baby!

## **Question 2: Is the language and terminology in the leaflet easy to understand?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: abbreviations, easy read/translation, terminology, risk (further detail provided in analysis of Question 2B).

Changes:

- All terms were spelt in full before being abbreviated and terminology was reviewed and simplified.
- Translations and an Easy Read format of the finished leaflet have been commissioned and will be made available.
- The changes made in response to comments about risk are described in the [first bullet point under question one](#).

## **Question 3: Do you think the images used in the leaflet are helpful?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: infographics, diversity, images of birth settings (further detail provided in analysis of Question 3B).

Changes:

- The infographics used to represent outcomes data have been removed and replaced with simple tables containing the numerical information in a more simple layout.
- New images have been added to the leaflet to show a more representative range of people.
- Photographs of a real community midwifery unit (CMU) and alongside midwifery unit (AMU) have been added to the leaflet. An image of a pregnant woman at home has been added to represent home births.

## **Question 4: In general, how helpful do you think leaflets are as a source of information on pregnancy?**

No changes to the mechanism of sharing national birthplace decision information were made in light of responses to this question as the majority of respondents answered that, in general, they found leaflets to be a fairly helpful or very helpful.

## **Question 5: We would like to know how you like to access and receive information, particularly information about pregnancy and/or health.**

The most common answers given to this question were “face to face from a Health Care Professional”, “leaflets or printed material” and “websites”. This leaflet will be offered as a printed and digital resource. The leaflet can be used by women with their clinician, and may facilitate the sharing of information and discussions about birthplace decisions. No changes to the approach of sharing Birthplace information in leaflet form were made in light of responses to this question.

**Question 6: How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on: 1) the chances of a spontaneous vaginal birth in each birth setting? 2) the chances of different types of birth in each birth setting? 3) the risk of complications in each birth setting?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: difficulty reading tables, that data was old and from England, and that outcomes data can scare women (further detail provided in analysis of Question 6B)

Changes:

- The changes made to the outcomes data tables are described in the [first bullet point of question 3](#).
- Information about available data is given in the [second bullet point of question 1](#). More information has been added to page 15 in the introduction to the tables about the age of the data and that it is from a study in England. A reference as to why the information has been included has been added.
- As the majority of respondents indicated that they found the information provided in these tables to be fairly helpful or very helpful it has been included in the final version of the leaflet, in a simplified table format.

**Question 7: How helpful do you find the information provided about Transfers?**

The most common theme in the open-text response to this question was that that transfer information should be updated to include current transfer capacity levels, transfer pathways and transfer guidance and the neonatal transport service (further detail provided in analysis of Question 7B).

Changes:

- No additional national data on transfer rates from different birth settings to hospital is available, but NHS Boards have access to their own transfer data. The leaflet has been updated to include reference to this, to encourage women to ask their clinician for local information.
- Some additional information about neonatal transfer has been included on page 19 and 20, and the layout of the transfer section has been changed to make it easier to find this information.
- Additional questions have been added to the Home Birth and CMU sections to encourage women to ask their clinician for more information about transfer, including how long it might take for an ambulance to arrive, how long the journey to hospital might be, and how their birth partner will get to the hospital.
- Additional questions about transfer from an AMU to Labour Suite have been added to the AMU section.
- A question has also been added to the Labour Suite section to encourage women to ask their clinician about transfer to neonatal care.

Clinical transfer pathways and guidance have not been included in the leaflet as the audience is women and their partners/families.

**Question 8: How helpful do you find the information provided in the section 'What if my baby needs neonatal care'?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: adding reference to the new model of neonatal intensive care, adding more information on neonatal care, adding more information on neonatal transfer (further detail provided in analysis of Question 8B).

Changes:

- Some additional information about neonatal transfer has been included, including a reference to ScotSTAR, Scotland's specialise neonatal transfer service.
- A link to the new Scottish Perinatal Network resource [Neonatal Units in Scotland](#) has been added. This provides more detailed information about neonatal units in Scotland and includes links to information for each NHS Board.

Information about the new model of neonatal intensive care has not been added, as this is not scheduled to be fully implemented until 2026. Future versions of the leaflet will reflect the model of neonatal intensive care which is being provided.

**Question 9: Page 14 includes the national guidance on consent and a link to the relevant information on NHS Inform. How helpful did you find this information?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: more information on consent and more information about women's choice (further detail provided in analysis of Question 9B).

Changes:

- More information has been added to the section on consent to explain that unbiased information must be provided to women, and they can ask for a second opinion and have someone at appointments with them.
- The link to the NHS Inform resource has been updated.
- A reference to consent has been added to the new section on developing your birth plan, on page 5.

**Question 10: Appendix 1 on pages 15 – 17 gives information on when birth in an obstetric unit is usually recommended. How helpful did you find this information?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: more information such as on specific risks for each condition mentioned, and that the list was too overwhelming (further detail provided in analysis of Question 10B).

Changes:

- The majority of respondents said that they found the list of conditions to be fairly or very helpful. However, in recognition of feedback that listing conditions could discourage women from thinking they still had a choice of place of birth, the three tables on conditions which mean birth in an obstetric unit is usually recommended have been removed. Midwives will continue to have conversations with women about their health, and the Pathway of Maternity Care includes information about when a referral to an obstetrician (rather than birth in an obstetric unit) should be considered. This is to encourage personalised care planning.
- Additional information has been included on page 4 about what will happen if there are more complex issues to consider, who will be involved in those discussions, and what they will be about.

**Question 11: Is there anything else you would like to see included in the Birthplace decisions leaflet?**

The most common themes found in the open-text answers were: a new section on planned caesareans and updating figures used in tables.

Information about available data is given in the [second bullet point of question 1.](#)

Changes:

- A new section about planned caesarean birth has been included on page 13.

**The Scottish Government would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the Birthplace Decisions leaflet survey.**

## Annex A – Survey Questions

1. A) Do you think this leaflet gives pregnant women and their partners relevant information that will help them to make an informed choice about where to give birth?  
  
B) If you answered no, or unsure, what other information would you expect to be included? Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.
2. A) Is the language and terminology in the leaflet easy to understand?  
  
B) If you have answered no, or unsure, do you have any specific improvements you would like to suggest? Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.
3. A) Do you think the images used in the leaflet are helpful?  
  
B) If no, what changes would you like to see? Please limit your response to 1000 characters or less.
4. In general, how helpful do you think leaflets are as a source of information on pregnancy?
5. A) We would like to know how you like to access and receive information, particularly information about pregnancy and/or health. From the list below, please check all the options which apply.  
  
B) If you answered 'other', please expand in the text box below if you wish. Please limit your response to 500 characters or less.
6. A) How helpful do you find the information provided in the tables on:
  - 1) The chances of a spontaneous vaginal birth in each birth setting?
  - 2) The chances of different types of birth in each birth setting?
  - 3) The risk of complications in each birth setting?  
B) If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' for any of the above questions please share your views. Please limit your response to 500 characters or less.
7. A) How helpful do you find the information provided about Transfers on page 13?  
  
B) If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views. Please limit your response to 500 characters or less.
8. A) How helpful do you find the information provided in the section 'What if my baby needs neonatal care'?



B) If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views. Please limit your response to 500 characters or less.

9. A) Page 14 includes the national guidance on consent and a link to the relevant information on NHS Inform. How helpful did you find this information?

B) If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views. Please limit your response to 500 characters or less.

10. A) Appendix 1 on pages 15 – 17 gives information on when birth in an obstetric unit is usually recommended. How helpful did you find this information?

B) If you have selected 'not very helpful' or 'not at all helpful' please share your views. Please limit your response to 500 characters or less.

11. Is there anything else you would like to see included in the Birthplace decisions leaflet?

## Annex B – Breakdown of Responses from Individuals by NHS Health Board

NHS Health Board	Total	Percentage
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	0	0%
NHS Borders	2	4%
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	1	2%
NHS Fife	3	6%
NHS Forth Valley	0	0%
NHS Grampian	21	43%
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	2	4%
NHS Highland	1	2%
NHS Lanarkshire	2	4%
NHS Lothian	14	29%
NHS Orkney	0	0%
NHS Shetland	0	0%
NHS Tayside	2	4%
NHS Western Isles	0	0%
I do not live in Scotland	0	0%
Unknown	0	0%
Do not wish to provide	0	0%
Not Answered	1	2%