

Are we delivering effective care
in
General Practice?

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Dealing in Difference

sex, drugs
and
the role of the consultant midwife

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*...drugs...alcohol....hiv...mental health...domestic violence...
prostitution...child protection...homeless families...*

**Consultant Midwife
4 Specialist Midwives
Specialist Health Visitor
Personal Secretary**

in collaboration with:

- Manchester Maternity Hospitals
- MASH
- Family Planning Services
- Manchester Drug & Stimulant Service
- Smithfield Project
- Drugs North West
- HMP Styal
- Black Health Agency
- George House Trust
- Manchester Social Services
- LGF
- GP's.....

drivers for change:

- **NSF (DoH 2004)**
- **Hidden Harm (ACMD 2003)**
- **Models of Care (NTA 2002, 2004)**
- **Why Mothers Die (CEMACH 2004)**
- **Every Child Matters (DFES 2003, 2004)**
- **Into the Mainstream (DoH 2002)**

talking taboos:

- **drugs and alcohol**
- **mental health**
- **domestic violence/abuse**
- **prostitution/sex work**
- **sexual abuse**
- **homelessness**
- **HIV/Hep B/C**
- **child protection**
- **sharing information.....**

skills required:

- **understanding of people with complex problems**
- **not using labels to exclude**
- **holistic approach**
- **listening skills**
- **understanding the short and long term impact of abuse on women**

challenges for professionals:

- **how can risks be assessed & how can they be managed?**
- **who decides when these risks become acceptable or unacceptable?**
- **and what services need to be available to meet the needs of both adults & children in these circumstances?**

the challenge of change:

- attitudes and obstacles to care
- ethical dilemmas
- stress and burn out
- supervision and support
- taking care of yourself

Women's Mental Health Strategy

(DoH 2002)

We must take heed of what women are saying. They want to be listened to, their experiences validated, and most of all to be kept safe while they recover..... They want importance placed on the underlying causes and context of their distress in addition to their symptoms, support in their mothering role, and their potential for recovery recognized.

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