

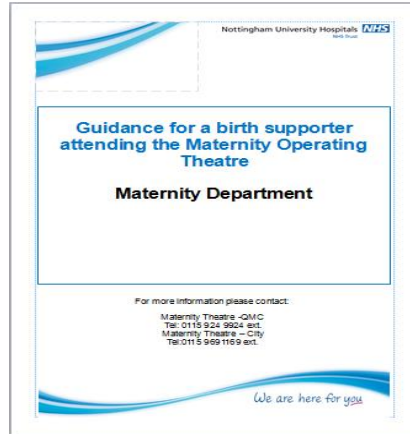


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**FFT Patient Insight For Improvement  
Skin to Skin Jacket Initiative for Birthing Partners at NUH**

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## Using Insight for Improvement

In 2014 NUH Theatres started a Patient Public Involvement Group and devised feedback cards to give to patients and relatives.



NUH Charity provided funds to purchase Maternity patients/partner feedback suggestions



## Feedback on skin to skin issues

Feedback from a father supporting a mother said  
“I wanted to participate in skin to skin contact  
with my baby as my wife wasn’t up to it but the  
Theatre scrubs wouldn’t allow it”

Another said

“I felt vulnerable and exposed without a top on  
in Theatre”

A female birth partner from a same sex couple  
wanted to participate but “Theatre attire just  
wasn’t suitable”



## A suitable top would need to be

- ✓ Suitable for male and females
- ✓ Baby visible to mum and midwife
- ✓ Easy access opening
- ✓ Soft on baby's skin
- ✓ Disposable
- ✓ Inexpensive



We ordered a small supply and asked for feedback from our midwife colleagues and then trialled the jackets.

The feedback was fantastic

Brilliant, love it

What a great idea, this allowed me to bond with my son

I was unable to have skin to skin whilst still in theatre with my previous daughter 6 years ago due to feeling a bit light headed so she was wrapped in a blanket and held by her dad. When we were told about these new jackets would allow Calvin to have the opportunity to have skin to skin with our baby we said yes straight away



## Skin to Skin benefits



- Fathers become more caring and sensitive towards their infants (India) and talk more to them (Sweden).
- Fathers become more engaged at home after the birth (Colombia, Denmark, Sweden).
- The father's relationship with the mother improves (USA, Sweden).

Shorey S et al. (2016), [Skin-to-skin contact by fathers and the impact on infant and paternal outcomes: an integrative review](#), Midwifery



## Local press and media interest





**Our Obstetric services provide care to around 10,000 women each year and the birth of a child is one of the most emotional and joyous times for a couple.**

**We feel honoured to be part of this experience and hopefully by listening to and reacting on patient feedback, make the occasion even better.**



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# Any questions?