

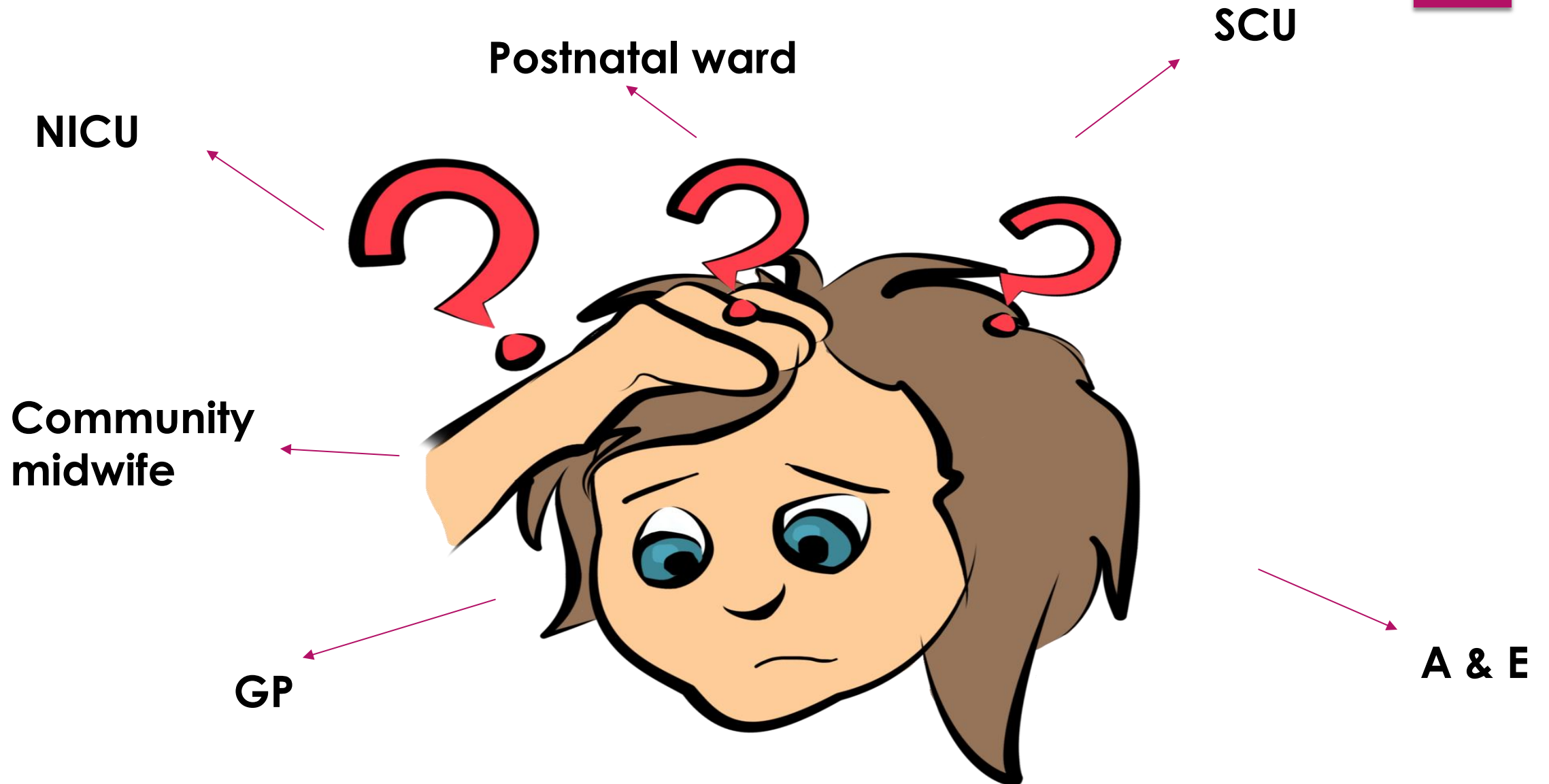


# The Well Baby Pathway

INCLUDING THE FRENULOTOMY PATHWAY

Where do I refer them to?

Where do I take my baby?



# Why the pathway was started

- ▶ Prior to the pathway babies who had weight losses above 10%, had feeding issues including tongue ties or had suspected jaundice were referred to either A & E, the busy postnatal ward, to the special baby unit or to outside agencies (For Frenulotomy). This all resulted in long waits to be seen, unnecessary admissions, possible tops ups of formula milk for breast feeding babies and possibly poor patient experience.

# What happened next?

- Investment in a larger infant feeding team.
- A weighing baby and a Frenulotomy guideline giving community midwives a clear pathway for referring babies to the well baby clinic (WBC).
- Set up of the WBC to run Monday to Friday 13.00 to 15.00pm.
- Training for the infant feeding team midwives enabling them to perform frenulotomies.

# 1 year of statistics

2015 Month	Babies delivered	% BF Initiation	WBC attenders	Frenulotomies Performed in clinic	2015 Re admissions weight loss/Jaundice	2014 Re admissions weight loss/Jaundice
January	323	83%	44	16	6	10
February	335	86%	39	11	9	9
March	331	87%	39	7	11	17
April	346	85%	59	20	6	11
May	354	88%	23	17	9	13
June	334	86%	17	11	9	12
July	338	84%	28	18	4	12
August	332	89%	21	12	5	16
September	352	89%	25	17	2	15
October	339	87%	36	21	6	14
November	346	87%	30	20	3	13
December	346	86%	46	16	6	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4076</b>	<b>Average 86%</b>	<b>407(10%)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>165</b>

# Feedback from mothers

- ▶ **Clinic user "Fantastic service so much better than when I had my last baby".**
- ▶ **Out of area mother "I was recommended by the hospital I delivered at to use your service as it is better!"**
- ▶ **Paediatric doctor – " this service is amazing much better than my last hospital the patients don't realise they are very lucky!"**
- ▶ **Community health care assistant "What a relief knowing where to refer babies with tongue tie impacting on feeding, it used to be a nightmare trying to get appointments"**