Hello and welcome to the Topaz Team

We are a team of midwives aiming to support mothers with additional social needs throughout their pregnancy and postnatal period choosing to deliver their baby at Hillingdon Hospital. Some women will commence their care with the Topaz Team; others may join the caseload team later in their pregnancy.

The Topaz Team midwives aims to support women throughout their pregnancy, to enable them and their unborn baby to feel safe, and not to have to deal with issues alone. They will also work with the family to make a plan of care that enables women to feel confident and supported once their baby is born.

The Topaz Team midwives, in liaison with other agencies, aims to support women with additional social needs such as domestic abuse, substance and alcohol misuse, and safeguarding issues, in a sensitive manner throughout their pregnancy and postnatal period. We work in partnership with social care and other agencies to ensure joint working and strive to achieve high standards of care for our women with complex needs.

Topaz Team midwives will attend and support mothers in their care at all case conferences, core group and Child In Need meetings to help offer continuity and support as well as work with the woman, her family, and partner agencies to develop support plans of care, and safeguard the unborn child/baby.

The Topaz team will also offer an assessment and signposting clinic to our vulnerable mothers. This also includes women with mental health issues who have additional needs, as well as women with a learning disability, care leavers and our expectant mum’s under 19 years old.

A teenage pregnancy has its own challenges. The biggest risk for any teen mother is delaying antenatal care or to receive no care at all. The services provide specialist appointments to discuss any additional problems such as the use of drugs/alcohol/smoking/domestic violence, mental health or issues with housing or families.

With proper antenatal care and guidance, teen mothers can go on to have healthy outcomes and become dedicated young parents.

The team is led by Named Midwife Karen Phipps and supported by senior midwives Ann Franklyn, Chris Navarro and Moira O’Connor and rotational midwives Marika Ferradi, Christine Mulherne, Marianne Spivey, Laura Scarfe and Cathy Reed. Topaz team is divided into geographical areas Topaz 1 and Topaz 2. We look forward to working in partnership with you. Contact details are: 01895 279341.