



USE OF MEDICAL RECORDS FOR THE POOL STUDY

This study plans to answer the question about the safety of waterbirths. The study is collecting data on the births of all women in around 30 maternity units across the UK until August 2021.

The study will determine

- how many women are using birth pools
- how many women give birth in water
- whether mothers or their babies come to any extra harm as a result of waterbirth

The study will include women giving birth to their first baby and women giving birth to a subsequent child.

For babies that need specialist care after birth, the study will also use data held by the National Neonatal Research Database (NNRD). This will mean securely sending their NHS number and other identifiers to the NNRD so that we can find them in their database.

All of the information will then be securely sent to the Cardiff University research team. This will be anonymised and we will not be able to identify any mother or child.

If you do not wish for the research team to have any access to your or your child's medical records for the purpose of the POOL study, please inform your midwife. If you would prefer to contact the Research Midwives team on 01493 453320 or email ResearchMidwives@jpaget.nhs.uk

For more information about the research project:

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