**Parental Involvement in decision-making about Planned late preterm
and early term birth (‘PIP’ study)**

### What is this project about?

* The project will look at decision-making around whether a baby should be born 2-6 weeks early.
* Early birth may be considered when there is a problem during pregnancy, but being born even a few weeks early can put the baby at risk of becoming unwell.
* Doctors and midwives will usually talk with expectant parents about the options, risks and benefits before the decision is made.
* Research has shown that some parents feel they have not had enough input into these decisions.

### What are we aiming to do?

We want to answer these questions:

* What input do expectant parents want and expect to have in these decisions?
* How do their experiences compare with those wishes and expectations?
* How do parents feel about the input they were able to have in decisions?
* What input do obstetricians and midwives think expectant parents want and expect?
* What input do doctors and midwives think expectant parents can and should have?

### How will we do this?

We will interview:

* Parents who talked with doctors about whether their baby should be born 2-6 weeks early.
* Doctors and midwives who talk to expectant parents about the possible early birth of their babies.

### Why is this important?

We hope that understanding more about how decisions are made about a baby being born 2-6 weeks before their due date will improve the experience for all those involved in making these decisions in future.

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