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Requested:

1. Does your maternity service routinely collect and record data relating to social risk, however this may be termed locally (e.g. vulnerability, complex social factors, social needs)? (yes/no)
2. If yes to Q1: approximately how many women using your maternity services were identified as having at least one social risk factor in the financial year 2024/25, where such data are routinely recorded? If an exact figure is not readily available, an estimate or the most recent available figure would be helpful.
3. Does your maternity service currently use the MatDAT (Maternity Disadvantage Assessment Tool), or any other standardised tool, to assess social risk in pregnancy/postnatally? (yes/no; if yes, please specify)
4. At which points during maternity care are social risk assessments routinely completed or reviewed? (e.g. booking appointment, 28 weeks, admission for birth, postnatal care)
5. Which Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system is primarily used in your maternity service to document social risk? (e.g. Badgernet, K2, EPIC)

Response:

1. Yes, Hywel Dda University Health Board's (UHBs) Maternity service does routinely record data relating to social risk.
2. The UHB confirms that during the 2024/25 financial year, one hundred and ninety-five (195) service users that underwent their booking appointment were identified as having one or more of the following social complexities:
 - Learning disability
 - Learning difficulty
 - Social services involvement
 - Historical or current history of abuse
 - Housing insecurity
 - Social isolation
 - Current or historical substance misuse (alcohol and drugs)
 - Underage pregnancy/ vulnerable teenager
 - Non-English or non-Welsh speaker
 - Asylum seeker/ refugee

Additionally, five hundred and thirty (530) reported accessing Universal Credit benefits as a source of income.

3. No, the UHBs Maternity service does not use the Maternity Disadvantage Assessment Tool (MatDAT) or any other standardised tool, to assess social risk in pregnancy or postnatally.

4. The UHB does not hold the information exactly as requested as there is no specific time set for social risk assessments to be undertaken.

However, all service users undergo an initial assessment at the booking appointment and have an individual care plan, their circumstances will determine the intervals between points of contact. Those most vulnerable will have documented updates added to the Sharing of Information in Pregnancy Proforma, in particular following episodes of care. A review is also undertaken upon discharge from Maternity services.

Women/birthing people identified as vulnerable and receiving enhanced support from services within the UHB, will have their proformas reviewed and updated regularly, as required, to ensure information remains accurate and reflects their current needs and risks.

5. The UHBs Maternity service currently uses the Badgernet system, which went live on 14 April 2026. Prior to this, the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) was used for documenting pregnancy, birth and postnatal care.