YouGov / Royal College of Midwives Survey Results

Sample Size: 1755
Fieldwork: 13th - 16th November 2009

	Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade		Region								
	Base	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West
Unweighted Base	1755	797	958	137	255	300	330	733	1029	726	74	214	149	129	154	186	305	371	173
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The Royal College of Midwives has provided evidence to the NHS Pay Review Body that birthrates in the England have increased by over 18% since 2001. Over the same period, the Royal College identified the numbers of midwives in England have increased by just over 8%.

In England, maternity spending has been cut at least once in each region since the start of the baby boom (information from answers to Parliamentary Questions). The Royal College of Midwives estimates that an extra 5,000 midwives are needed in England to deliver a safe, quality maternity service and to meet Government maternity targets for England.

The Government have set out in their 'Maternity Matters' document of offering women in England a wider choice in maternity services. This includes a choice of how to access maternity care, of place of birth (including at home or midwife led unit), type of antenatal care and place of postnatal care. This is due to be in place at the end of this year (i.e. 2009)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Please tick one answer on each horizontal row)

Maternity services are currently receiving enough funding

Strongly agree	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	-	4%	2%	3%	2%	5%	1%	2%	3%
Agree	11%	15%	7%	14%	12%	8%	10%	10%	10%	12%	16%	11%	8%	13%	10%	12%	8%	12%	9%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	37%	28%	46%	33%	28%	32%	30%	30%	35%	27%	32%	43%	29%	23%	32%	35%	34%	32%
Disagree	40%	35%	45%	31%	35%	45%	40%	43%	43%	37%	37%	41%	34%	40%	48%	37%	43%	37%	43%
Strongly disagree	14%	9%	19%	7%	18%	17%	13%	14%	15%	14%	20%	13%	13%	15%	17%	15%	12%	16%	12%

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There are enough midwives to provide a good level of care for every woman during pregnancy, childbirth, and post-natal'																			
Strongly agree	3%	5%	2%	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Agree	12%	14%	9%	18%	13%	9%	12%	9%	10%	14%	10%	13%	11%	14%	11%	10%	11%	11%	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	27%	32%	22%	34%	27%	26%	27%	25%	26%	28%	24%	32%	34%	22%	21%	29%	25%	26%	28%
Disagree	42%	38%	46%	33%	39%	44%	42%	46%	44%	40%	44%	39%	38%	43%	45%	40%	48%	41%	41%
Strongly disagree	16%	11%	21%	11%	18%	18%	14%	17%	18%	15%	20%	14%	14%	15%	22%	19%	14%	18%	15%
How likely do you think it is that spending on NHS Maternity services will be cut due to the current financial crisis?																			
Very likely	11%	10%	12%	7%	7%	13%	9%	14%	12%	11%	13%	11%	14%	8%	16%	15%	6%	9%	11%
Likely	48%	45%	50%	40%	51%	52%	45%	48%	50%	46%	44%	44%	47%	44%	51%	50%	49%	49%	48%
Neither likely nor likely	27%	28%	25%	37%	27%	22%	32%	22%	25%	29%	29%	29%	26%	32%	18%	22%	27%	28%	30%
Unlikely	13%	14%	12%	13%	13%	10%	13%	15%	13%	13%	14%	15%	10%	14%	14%	13%	15%	13%	11%
Very unlikely	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	-
And to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Please tick one answer on each horizontal row)																			
Maternity services should be spared possible spending cuts affecting the NHS																			
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Agree	49%	47%	51%	44%	45%	52%	47%	52%	51%	47%	63%	54%	52%	53%	43%	49%	45%	48%	43%
Neither agree nor disagree	27%	29%	24%	38%	31%	22%	27%	23%	24%	29%	18%	22%	26%	24%	26%	26%	32%	27%	31%
Disagree	6%	8%	4%	3%	5%	7%	5%	6%	7%	4%	1%	7%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%