

Birth Notes

Feedback on the pilot of the
Perinatal Institute Birth Notes in
Coventry from August 2003

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Why did Coventry pilot the notes?

- Dissatisfaction with antenatal notes.
- Constructive not destructive criticism
- All team members to participate
- Support consistency of notes in West Midlands
- Smooth the implementation process



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- Pilot commenced August 2003
- 100 Birth notes
- Induction of Labour record
- Spontaneous labours
- Rolled out across the high and low risk areas
- Did not duplicate notes



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First Impressions

- Initially unsure
- Resistance to change
- More form filling
- What's wrong with the notes we have?
- Too time consuming
- Don't like yellow!!



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Positive aspects

- Progression logical
- Plenty of space on baby page for twin delivery
- Risk factors identified
- Plans for labour are clear
- Initial assessment logical
- Notes page for everyone



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Positive Aspects

- Partogram comprehensive
- Explanation of procedure
- Signatures
- Operative delivery clear
- Birth summary clear



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Negative Aspects

- Space for vaginal examinations needed
- Layout not easy to follow
- Duplication of third stage of labour info
- Partogram layout all over the place
- Not enough medical comments
- Contraction terminology (prefer 3:10)
- STILL YELLOW !!



Conclusion

- Greeted with apprehension
- More used the better the comments
- Welcomed Kate's assistance
- Need more Obstetric comments
- Generally positive
- Hope they are adopted