

Caring for BAME women at higher risk during COVID-19

Service level approach:

Have accessible, virtual translation and interpreting services in all local community languages

Provide continuity of carer to women in black, Asian or minority ethnic (BAME) high risk communities

Communicate about local maternity services and COVID-19 via local community groups/radio stations as well as on the trust/board website and on apps used by NHS services

Provision of written, audio or visual guidance to give to all women at booking in relation to social distancing advice, infection prevention, how to reduce risk of exposure at work and at home, and what to do if they notice COVID-19 symptoms

Have clear local guidance on identifying women at high risk of COVID-19 illness and care plans for women with symptoms or a or positive test

Booking & antenatal appointments:

All women from BAME communities (whether born in the UK or outside) should be made aware of current evidence that they are at increased risk of becoming seriously unwell with COVID-19. In a sensitive but timely manner

