

# CSC MATERNITY SOLUTION



**The CSC Maternity solution supports the delivery of wider choice and better care for both mother and child.**

## THE CHALLENGE

Pregnancy, childbirth, and post-natal care account for a very large proportion of NHS time and resource. Uniquely, this is the only common human condition that requires NHS support, without being an illness. Some aspects of pregnancy support vary across the country but they all have one thing in common: supporting a safe environment for mothers and babies.

Following a long period in which hospital delivery has been strongly encouraged, recent policy decisions encourage provision of wider choices for mothers. This could lead to more home-births, a greater reliance on midwife-managed specialist units and consequently a greater need for seamless management. This adds to the demand for a comprehensive and integrated method of collecting information, monitoring cases and providing rapid support.

## A FLEXIBLE AND COMPLETE SOLUTION

Most pregnancies go through a set of recognised stages, from GP notification and pre-natal care through to birth and post-natal care. This will involve patient records being accessed by GPs, midwives, ultrasound specialists, doctors at maternity hospitals and health visitors. Additionally, the national records system will need to generate a new NHS number for each baby, and the local register of births need to be notified.

Managing these interfaces is a complex task. The CSC Maternity solution can reduce the burden on practitioners of every kind, leading to more effective patient-centred care at a lower cost.

The solution is:

- **Highly secure:** maintaining the integrity of patient information while enabling fast access for authorised personnel.
- **Integrated:** managing the links between practitioners through its connections to the relevant Patient Administration System.
- **Comprehensive and flexible:** enabling patient choice as maternity services evolve.

By providing a single patient record, the CSC Maternity solution simplifies the work of practitioners and makes a significant contribution to better use of resources.

## BENEFITS

The solution leads to better patient outcomes, reduces the burden on the NHS and enables a more flexible approach to maternity and perinatal care. Some more specific benefits are listed below.

- **Better Information:** The single patient view allows all authorised practitioners access to consistent and up to date information. Potential problems can be spotted earlier and effectively dealt with.
- **Efficiencies:** The solution saves both time and money, reducing the administrative and IT burden on trusts and agencies. This allows practitioners to concentrate on care delivery. Access to a clear and detailed patient record will smooth the handover between different clinicians.
- **Electronic Process:** Paper records are removed. Many actions can be automated including: scheduling appointments, access to NHS numbers, and registrar of births notification.
- **Enhanced Reporting:** Automatic generation of management information ensures reporting and best practice standards can be easily supported.

*The CSC Maternity solution provides a path to more integrated, agile and effective services.*

# RESULTS

BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

## A BETTER SOLUTION TODAY

Most people will come into contact with NHS maternity services at some point in their lives as a patient, spouse or close relative. The demand for greater choice and flexibility, without any compromise to patient safety, is as strong in this service as anywhere in the NHS.

CSC has designed a coherent strategy for the NHS based on the need to take incremental steps. This, in turn, enables trusts to put individual components in place, one at a time. The CSC Maternity solution forms a key part of this approach.

The solution is fully compatible with the National Programme for IT and is designed to become a module within the single national administrative system. By committing to the solution, trusts can take a step towards an integrated future and can do it in a way that reduces risk and possibility of disruption.



*The single patient view means that all authorised practitioners have access to consistent and up to date information when they need it.*



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