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"More recently – (child) glass in foot, got sent to Carlisle – had to find childcare, take time off work – again, only got given medical info, no-one to talk to about worries or 'little questions', suggest role for volunteers?" "Forget what patients don't know." "Child had to have general anaesthetic, first time, didn't think of questions wanted to ask until too late!"

"Big issue if all moves to Carlisle, we (would) have absolutely no support in the North. Family in Ravensglass, whilst v. distant, wait for ambulance is long if truly an emergency. Have nephew with severe allergy – don't have 1hr 30mins to wait!"

"Pregnant with twins – had to go to WCH every two weeks for scans! Would I need to go to Carlisle every two weeks for scans? What about diabetes etc. Had planned c-section – would this now take place in Carlisle? Had an emergency c-section in the end – would this go to Carlisle?"

"Would have been hard if both twins were in SCBU after I was discharged – twins in SCBU for 12 days – had health visitor to talk to afterwards – she'd also had twins and I think they had also did that deliberately too!"

"Would like another baby, but my Mum is in her 70's, can't have toddler with her so long to have a baby – journey from Brigham to WCH plenty time enough in labour!"

"Support when another (child) is born, grandparents in 70's, wouldn't have stayed at home as long if booked for birth in Carlisle – would have gone in earlier – will need more beds etc!"

"No support in Carlisle area – one family in Ravensglass, one Northampton. Ravensglass at least 1hr 30 mins – feels a very long way. Nephew very allergic – don't have 1hr 30 mins."

"Use health visitors to publicise the events!"

"Obstacles to Maternity/Pediatrics at CIC: No child care provision, husband works 12 hour shifts, I would struggle to get to Carlisle without taking my other daughter with me."

"Recruitment difficult when you have a cloud hanging over future!"

"Never anyone to 'talk to' – got medical information but nothing practical, no re-assurance – non-clinical staff on ward? On own because Dad has to take other (child), 'just sat and cried'."

"Recruitment will always be difficult when there is a big cloud over it... spread across two sites means benefit from small and larger hospitals."

"Monitoring Group: The community poll should be used to decide if it is working, service users, parent reps – listen to lots of views, finding the right person; Got to look at lots of things."

"Why don't they include the public more in practical decisions? Come out to groups, toddler groups, and ask us!"

"Who should be involved in review group? Community, Mothers, Parent Reps."

"The review group should have public reps on it to speak for us and not just be professionals."

"Get the information out in different ways – others not finding out!"

"Breast Feeding Groups, Mother and Toddler Groups – make it a bit more understood what it is about."

"Twins – one admitted at one month old, would have been easier if they both could have been kept together."