



Postnatal Notes

Evaluation of field trial
Stafford



Postnatal Notes

- 50 sets of notes issued
 - (50 Mother)
 - (50 Baby)

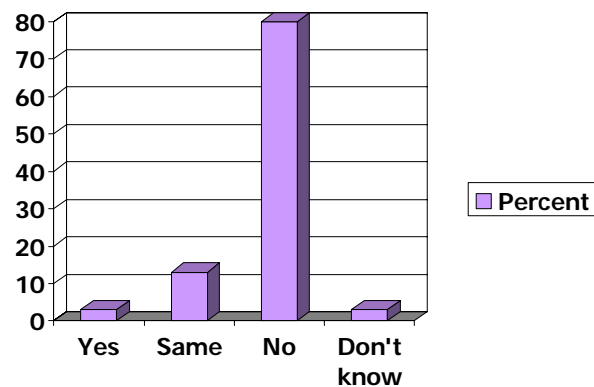
- Commenced trial 1st September 2005

- Duration – 8 weeks

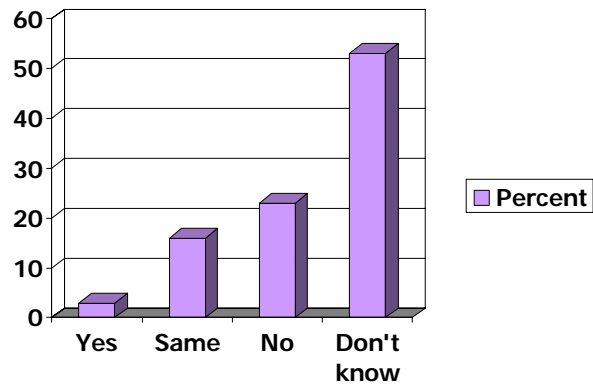
Feedback

- Every set of notes had evaluation forms for midwives and parents attached - to facilitate feedback
- Open questions to allow space for comments
- 19 forms returned by mothers (40%)
- 29 forms returned by midwives (36%)
- Verbal responses.

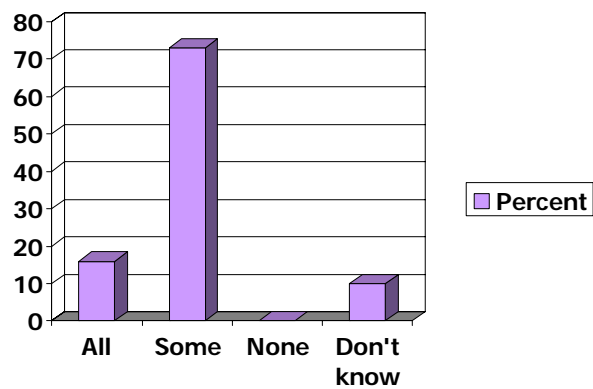
Q1. Did you find these notes easy to navigate? (Midwives)



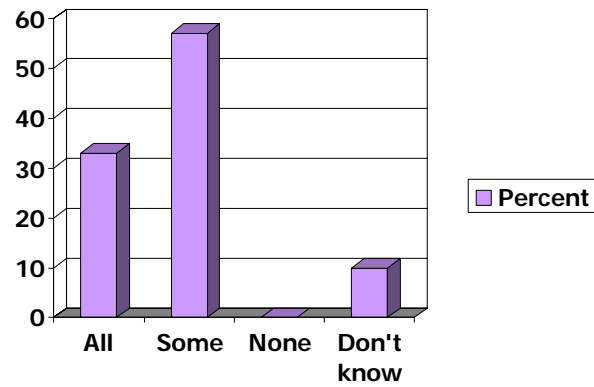
Q2. Do women appear to like these notes? (Midwives)



Q3. Is the information appropriate for women? (Midwives)



Q4. Is medical terminology adequately explained for women? (Midwives)



General Comments from Midwives

- Mother alerts good
- Good information for mothers
- Improve with use

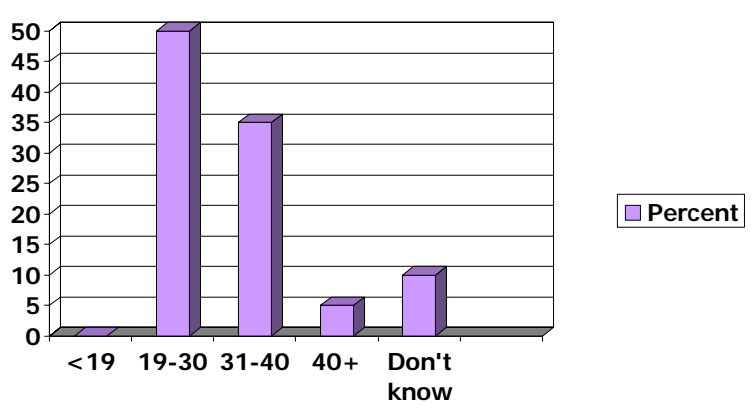


General Comments from Midwives

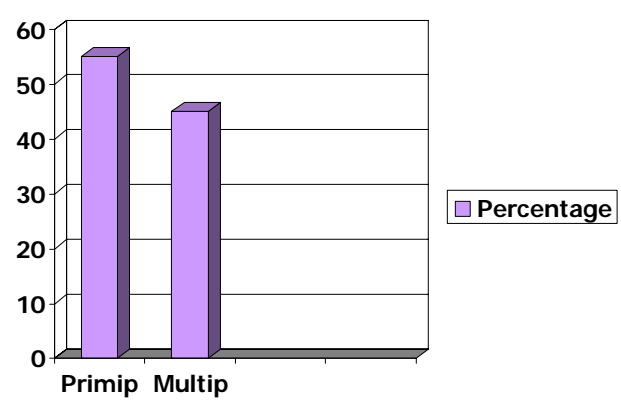
- Repetitive/Duplication
- Extra paperwork (time consuming)
- Too detailed (less interaction time)
- Need training
- Mothers won't read them.



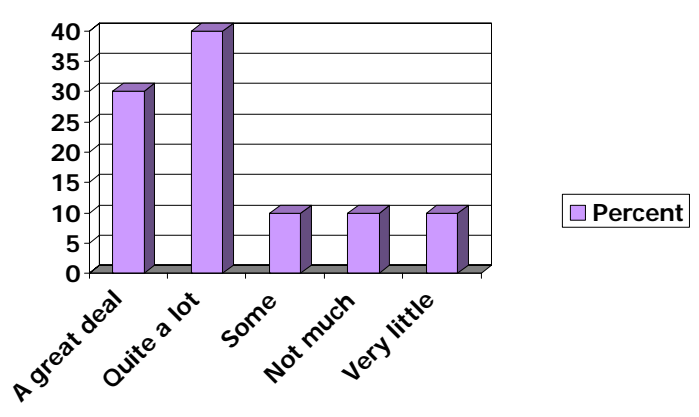
Q1. Maternal age



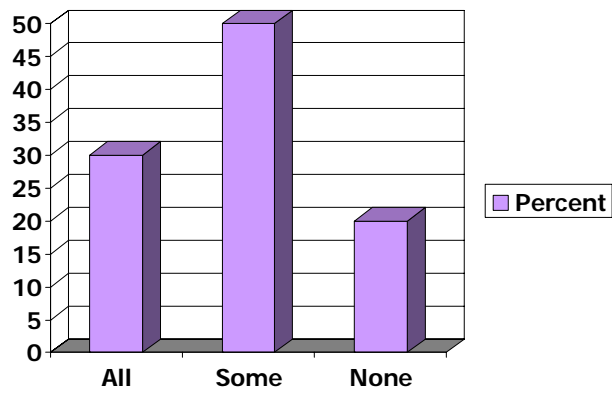
Q2. Parity



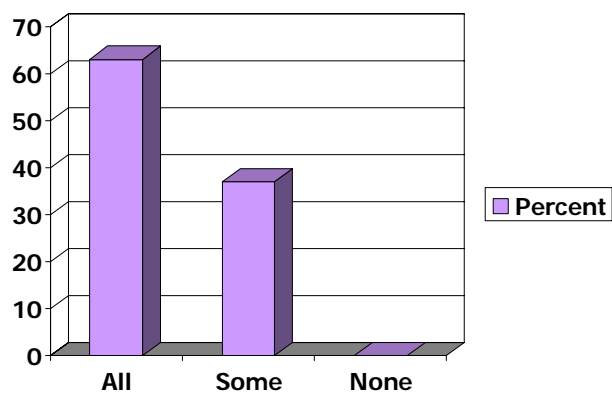
Q3. How much written information did you want? (Mothers)



Q4. Did you read the information in the notes? (Mothers)



Q5. Did you understand the information? (Mothers)





General comments from Mothers

- Very helpful
- Useful
- Information very reassuring
- Did not have time to read them
- Too many questions
- Time consuming for midwives.



Conclusion

- Areas of adjustment:
- Repetition
 - Contacts
 - Postnatal check and assessments
- Extra paperwork
 - Alerts and management plan
 - Transfer of information



Conclusion

- Carefully plan implementation individual to needs of each unit
- Formal training essential, prior to implementation



Thank you

- Stafford
- Hospital midwives
- Chase team.