So, you want local maternity care?

This toolkit is designed to help communities consider establishing local maternity services. It’s intended to help you understand the complexities of the decision-making process and explore the feasibility of providing local maternity services. The toolkit can be used in group settings or by individuals to inform discussions, answer questions, and guide decision-making. It is important to note that this toolkit is not exhaustive, nor is it a ‘how to’ guide. It is a starting point for your local process.

1. **CONSIDER THE QUALITY-EFFICIENCY TRADE-OFF**
   - The trade-off in how to provide local maternity services.
   - Staffing requirements, and cost and benefit analyses.

2. **DEVELOP A BUSINESS PLAN**
   - Develop a business plan that includes the financial projections.
   - Identify potential sources of funding.

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATION**
   - Develop administrative infrastructure.
   - Identify resources needed to support the new service.

4. **MONITOR THE NEW MATERNITY SERVICE**
   - Monitor the new service to ensure it meets the needs of the community.
   - Evaluate the service to ensure it is meeting the needs of the community.

**Phase 1 Planning**

1. **FORM AN ADVISORY COUNCIL**
   - Form an advisory council to provide guidance and support.
   - Establish a clear structure and role definitions.

2. **GATHER THE DATA**
   - Gather data on the current maternity care system.
   - Analyze data to identify gaps and needs.

3. **SUMMARIZE THE DATA**
   - Summarize the data to identify key issues.
   - Use the data to inform decision-making.

4. **DEFINE AN ACTION PLAN**
   - Define an action plan for implementing a new maternity service.
   - Establish a timeline and milestones for implementation.

**Phase 2 Strengthen Existing Model**

1. **1.5 HOLD A PUBLIC FORUM**
   - Hold a public forum to gather feedback and input.
   - Establish a public forum to gather feedback and input.

2. **2.5 SUPPORT BABY MENTEORS**
   - Support baby mentors to provide emotional support.
   - Establish a support system for new mothers.

3. **3.5 COMMUNITY PREPARATION**
   - Establish a community advisory council.
   - Establish a steering committee to oversee service development.

4. **4.5 MONITOR THE NEW MATERNITY SERVICE**
   - Monitor the new maternity service to ensure it meets the needs of the community.
   - Establish a monitoring process to evaluate service performance.

**Phase 3 Implementation**

1. **1.5 SUPPORT PROVIDERS**
   - Support providers to ensure they have the necessary training and resources.
   - Establish a support system for providers.

2. **2.5 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
   - Involve the community in the decision-making process.
   - Establish a community advisory council.

3. **3.5 SERVICE DELIVERY**
   - Establish a service delivery model.
   - Establish a service delivery model.

4. **4.5 MONITOR THE NEW MATERNITY SERVICE**
   - Monitor the new maternity service to ensure it meets the needs of the community.
   - Establish a monitoring process to evaluate service performance.

**Phase 4 Sustainability**

1. **1.5 SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY**
   - Support your community to ensure the sustainability of the new service.
   - Establish a support system for your community.

2. **2.5 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
   - Involve the community in the decision-making process.
   - Establish a community advisory council.

3. **3.5 SERVICE DELIVERY**
   - Establish a service delivery model.
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4. **4.5 MONITOR THE NEW MATERNITY SERVICE**
   - Monitor the new maternity service to ensure it meets the needs of the community.
   - Establish a monitoring process to evaluate service performance.