

This Hospital is participating in a study of Coronavirus infection. We are collecting information about babies who have Coronavirus infection and babies whose mothers have Coronavirus infection.

The study is being led by a group of research doctors based at Imperial College London, the Universities of Oxford, Leicester and Nottingham, Public Health England and the British Association of Perinatal Medicine. It is funded by the Department of Health.

The study is being carried out through a system called the British Paediatric Surveillance Unit (BPSU) run by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health:

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/work-we-do/bpsu>

Any doctor who treats either a baby with Coronavirus infection, or one whose mother has Coronavirus infection, will let the BPSU know. The research team will then send the doctor a questionnaire so that information about the baby, the mother and their care can be collected. This will include information which identifies the baby and mother that will include: NHS/CHI number of the mother and baby; date of birth, sex and ethnicity of the baby; and the first part of the postcode. We will use this identifiable information so that we can link with other information about Coronavirus to make sure that we have not missed out any babies from the study.

At the moment we have very little information about what happens to mothers and babies infected by Coronavirus. It is vital that we have more information to make sure that we know how to give the best treatment. This study will provide some of this information.

We hope that parents will want to be part of the study, but given the urgency of the situation and the need to collect information about all affected babies we will not be asking parents for their consent before information about infected mothers and babies is collected.

If you do **not** wish information about you and your baby to be included in the study please tell your baby's doctor or let the study team know by email: bpsu-covid@ndph.ox.ac.uk; telephone: 01865 289733; or write to: BPSU-COVID-19 study, National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, Richard Doll Building, University of Oxford, Old Road Campus, Old Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7LF.

