

The 'Migrant Women and Ethnic Minority Group Experiences of Maternity Services in Ireland' Project



Join us in making Irish maternity services better for everyone.



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JOIN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE MATERNITY SERVICES IN IRELAND

Ireland hosts an increasingly diverse mixture of people from different cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

International evidence demonstrates disparities among migrant and ethnic minority women who access maternity services in high-income countries. This can lead to poorer health outcomes for mother and baby.

Every woman deserves maternity care that is respectful, informative and safe. Sadly, women from migrant and minority ethnic backgrounds often feel they are not communicated with effectively, treated with compassion, involved in their care decisions.

We need your ethnicity to gather information and target areas in need of improvement.

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Get Involved

We encourage you to provide this information if you feel comfortable. Your input will help us to create a more inclusive and effective healthcare environment for everyone.

Questions?

If you have any questions about why we are collecting this information or how it will be used, please feel free to reach out to us.

We are here to provide more details and address any concerns you may have.

Contact: MEMProject@ucc.ie

Thank you for helping us improve our services and ensure equitable care for all patients.



Welcome to CUMH.

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide high-quality, equitable care, we are asking for information about your ethnicity. This leaflet explains why we collect this data, how we use it, and how we protect your privacy.

What is Ethnicity?

Ethnicity is your cultural and ancestral background. It includes shared history, traditions, language, and sometimes religion. It's different from nationality or citizenship.

Nationality usually refers to the country where you are a citizen.

Citizenship is your legal status in a country. It grants rights like having a passport or voting.



Why We Collect Ethnicity Information

Identifying Care Gaps:

Ethnicity data helps us spot differences in health outcomes and address disparities to improve care for all patients.

Enhancing Services:

Knowing the ethnic makeup of our patients allows us to tailor our services, offer culturally sensitive support, and improve accessibility.

Legal Compliance:

Collecting this data helps us meet legal requirements and uphold policies that promote equality and prevent discrimination in healthcare.

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WHY YOUR ETHNICITY DATA MATTERS.

By sharing your ethnicity, we hope to:

Generate knowledge about health differences between minority and majority populations and subsequently begin addressing these disparities.

Enhance communication and cultural competence

Identify and address disparities in access and quality of care

Develop a quality improvement plan to reduce disparities and promote a better experience for all patients who access CUMH services.

