



Kushi's story - having a baby

Kushi is very excited as she has found out she is pregnant. After telling her partner and her mum, she makes an appointment to see her GP. Her GP talks to her about the choices for having her baby. She lives near to one of the district hospitals and chooses to have her appointments here instead of with the midwife in a community clinic. She also sees her GP regularly.

After discussing it with her partner and her mum, Kushi decides she wants to have her baby in hospital. This means she would be having her baby in the specialist emergency care hospital rather than at home. Her sister had a difficult birth with her first child, so Kushi wants to make sure there is an expert doctor available at any time of the day or night to help if needed.

When the time comes for Kushi to have her baby, her partner drives her to the specialist emergency care hospital. Everything goes well and the midwife delivers the baby. Kushi is relaxed as she knows that a consultant is on the labour ward 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so help will be available if she or the baby needs it.

Kushi goes home the next day and her midwife visits her to make sure she is settled and has everything she needs, including a number to call if she or her baby needs help. Kushi and her baby have routine baby checks at the local community clinic and GP practice.

