

Improving equity in maternity care: lessons from the Lambeth Early Action Partnership (LEAP)



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Introduction

The LEAP Midwifery Continuity of Care (MCoC) team has provided personalised maternity care for 500+ births to ethnically diverse women living in areas of high deprivation in Lambeth, south London.

MCoC provides: a named midwife; longer and more frequent appointments than traditional care; community-based; holistic support via other LEAP services.

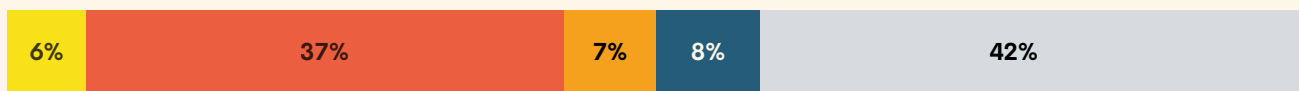


Ethnicity profile of pregnant women with MCoC maternity care (all time) vs all pregnant women from the LEAP area (2020)

LEAP MCoC Women



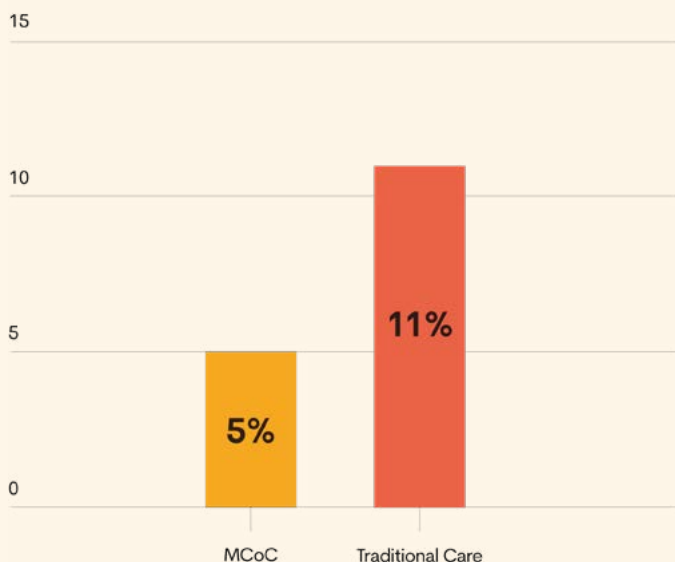
LEAP pregnant population



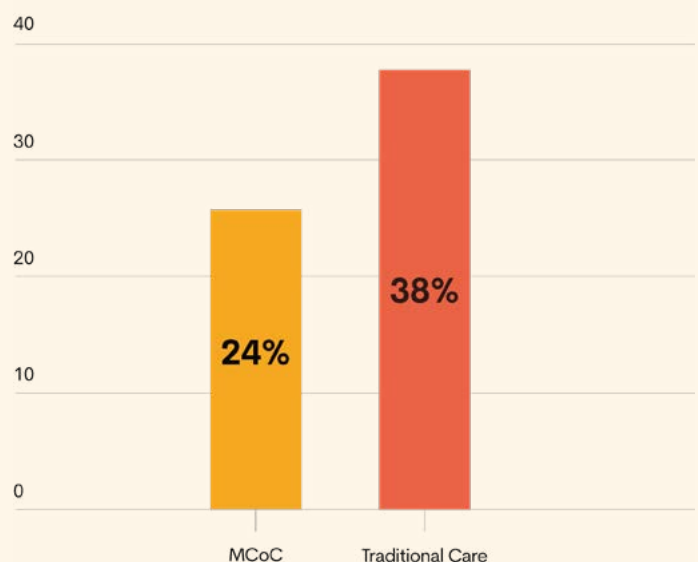
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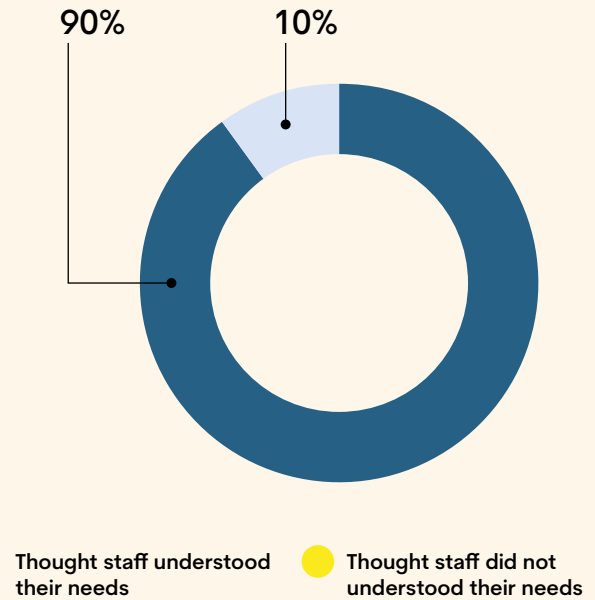
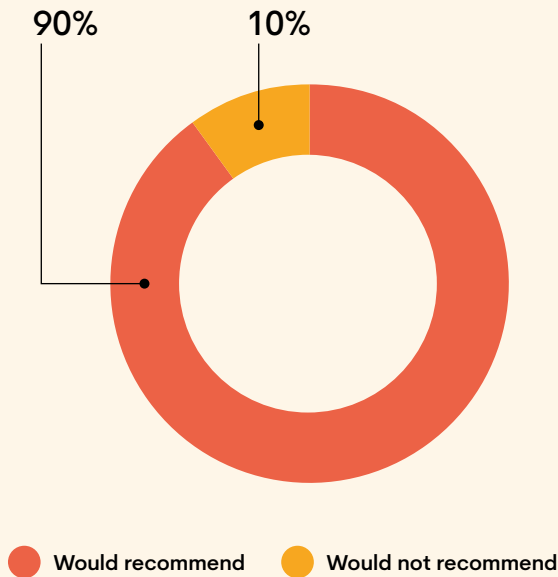
Results**

Percentage of babies born pre-term



Percentage of caesarean births





This model of care, in a small but significant way, illustrates the positive impact that 'gold standard' maternity care can make for women most at risk of worse outcomes.

