

# Identifying risk through collaboration

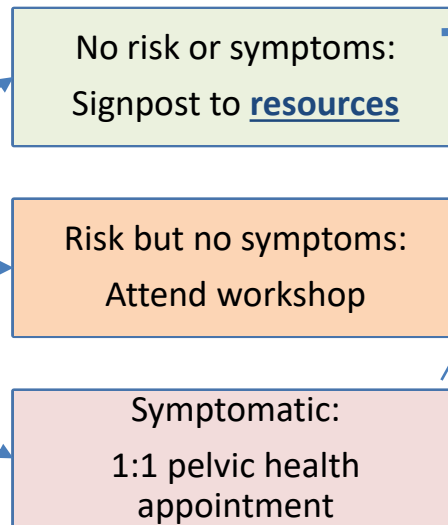
**The Physiotherapy and Maternity teams work together to identify patients at risk of developing pelvic floor dysfunction and ensure they have access to timely advice.**

**Aim:** During the creation of the Perinatal Pelvic Health Service by NHSE a perinatal risk assessment tool was developed to;

- stratify the use of finite resources
- encourage a preventative approach amongst the MDT
- act as guidance about what to ask
- prompt midwives to initiate pelvic health conversations

## The Patient pathway

Pelvic Health Risk assessment undertaken at the midwifery booking appointment.



## **Conclusion:**

Counselling obstetric women of their risk factors is in its early stages, but an innovation that has been long awaited & led to a significant increase in pelvic health referrals for symptomatic women & those with risk factors. Midwives are perfectly placed to assist with this proactive approach supported by their pelvic health physiotherapy colleagues.

**This risk assessment demonstrates the ability to make every contact count by working together across professional boundaries.**