# The UK's Black Maternal Health Awareness Week 2023 is Here

24th - 30th April 2023

#### Theme: Respectful Maternity Care



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### Black Maternal Health Awareness Week 2023 #BMHAW23

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### What is this years theme?

The theme this year will be 'Respectful Maternity Care'

We want to see changes towards respectful maternity care as it is a fundamental human right. For decades now, Black women have had a higher risk of maternal mortality in the UK (CMACH 2007).

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### Ways you can get involved and support:

- Follow us on social media @fivexmore to stay updated on daily themes and events
- Share our posts and use the hashtag #BMHAW23 to spread awareness
- Join the conversation and share your story using the hashtag #BMHAW23
- Donate to organisations working to improve maternal health outcomes for Black women
- Educate yourself on the issues and share what you've learned with others
- Advocate for policy changes and write to your local MP

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Day 1
24.04.23

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# Young Mums

Young mums experiences are often left out of the conversation when it comes to maternity issues. On this day we will be speaking to a number of young mums highlighting some of the common issues they face and how they overcome them, along with helpful tips and resources.

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Maternal Health

There will be a Black
Maternal Health All Party
Parliamentary Group
(APPG) meeting taking place
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Working to end racial disparities in UK maternity care.

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The colour of your skin should have no impact on your health outcomes or your baby's.

Day 3 26.04.23

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## Muslim Mums

We will focus on highlighting some of the myths and stereotypes that Muslim women face due to the intersectionality of race and religion.

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Day 4 27.04.23

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## Fathers

On this day we will focus on Birthing partners and fathers sharing the Five X More recommendations and information on how to support a pregnant person.

We will also be hosting an event at the Prince of Peckham called 'Fatherhood Unsaid' where all dads and fathers to be are welcome.

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Day 5
28.04.23

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### Mental Health

Mental Health can often be a sensitive subject in our communities. This day will be focused on good practices and wellness strategies to encourage better mental health throughout pregnancy and the postpartum period.

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Day 6 29.04.23

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# The Joy of Black Motherhood

We will be sharing positive stories across our pages and website is important to highlight that not all Black women and birthing people have negative experiences. On this day we will be sharing positive stories.

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Day 7
30.04.23

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# ADay Of Rest

After a week-long campaign, we are dedicating a day to prioritize rest and self-care. Join us on this awareness day as we recognize the importance of taking a break and recharging our minds and bodies. It's time to put yourself first and practice some muchneeded self-love.

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