



WHAT WOMEN WANT



OVERVIEW OF STUDY

In 2021 the Birth Experience Study released a nationwide survey for midwifery or a private midwife or doula. It is very women who had birthed in Australia in the previous 5 years. The survey was available in English and 7 other languages. There were 8,804 completed responses.

This paper is an analysis of the comments left for the open text question "Would you do anything different if you were to have another baby?" There were 6,101 text responses to that question. Each response was categorised using content analysis and six categories were found. Four focused on what women wanted for their next birth (85% of all comments) and two categories were comprised of responses from women who were not going to have another baby and therefore the question was irrelevant or did not want to change anything.

The findings demonstrated that most women wanted to avoid interventions such as induction of labour, wanted a vaginal birth (with many wishing for a homebirth) and wanted equitable access to midwifery continuity of care.

"I would do so much differently. First of all, I would ensure continuity of care for example, caseload important to me that next time I have a care provider who I fully trust, who has a good understanding of my birth preferences and who I know will be a strong advocate for me "



"I wish I was able to speak for myself just as I do for others. I wish I did not feel vulnerable. I wished English was my language or I was white. I wish I was provided information. I wish I was treated with compassion" (Women migrated from Nepal)

BMJ Open What women want if they were to have another baby: the Australian Birth Experience Study (BESt) cross-sectional national survey Hazel Keedle , Risharda Lockwood, Warren Keedle, Daniella Susic , Lannah G Dahlen ,

MAIN CATEGORIES

Category

First subcategory

First concept

Next time I'll be ready

knowledgeable and

I want a specific birth experience

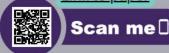
I want a specific model of care

Employ a private

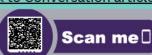
I want better access

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