

OBS Recommended Resources

Some of our favourite videos, websites, books and more!

This list is not exclusive. OBS believes that these resources are useful and (except blogs and opinion pieces) based on good evidence. If you are worried about yourself or your baby, please contact your midwife, health visitor or GP.

Breastfeeding - getting started

[Global Health Media videos](#). Excellent series on the basics of breastfeeding, and common problems, in many languages. If you only want to watch one video on how to attach your baby at the breast, this is excellent: [Attaching your Baby at the Breast](#). Global Health Media's [Birth & Beyond app](#) is now available for iPhone, with an Android version coming soon.

[Natural Breastfeeding video](#). Enable your baby to use all their feeding reflexes for comfortable, intuitive feeding.

[Unicef UK Baby Friendly Initiative](#). Information and videos to guide you through the early weeks, getting to know your baby, and common breastfeeding problems.

[Baby Buddy](#). Award-winning app for pregnancy and new parenting.

NCT information sheet “[What’s in a nappy?](#)” How to tell if your newborn baby is getting enough milk.

[Breastfeeding. Take Two: Successful Breastfeeding the Second Time Around](#). Stephanie Casemore 2011, published by Gray Lion. For women who are pregnant again after a previous difficult breastfeeding experience. [Also available in Kindle](#).

Finding help

If your baby is still under the care of midwives, your midwifery team is your first source of help with feeding. Midwives offer telephone support 24/7.

[Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support](#). Facebook, virtual antenatal sessions, 1:1 consultations and OBS Groups.

[La Leche League Oxfordshire](#). Virtual support group meetings, antenatal sessions, 1:1 support by phone, email, video call, Facebook and more, from trained volunteer breastfeeding counsellors.

[Maternity Infant Feeding Team](#). For complex breastfeeding problems in babies aged 1-6 weeks. *

If your baby is older than 6 weeks, the **Enhanced Infant Feeding Practitioners in the Health Visiting service** can help with complex feeding problems - ask your local health visiting team to refer you. *

* If your baby needs an oral assessment for potential tongue-tie, either of these services can help. Alternatively, you could contact a **private tongue-tie practitioner**: [The Association of Tongue-Tie Practitioners](#) to assess and, if necessary, treat your baby.

Telephone helplines

[National Breastfeeding Helpline](#) - telephone support and live webchat 9.30am - 9.30pm daily - 0300 100 0212

[La Leche League Helpline](#) - 8:00am - 11:00pm daily - 0345 120 2918

[NCT Breastfeeding Helpline](#) - 8:00am - midnight daily - 0300 330 0771

General breastfeeding information

Evidence-based, reliable and realistic information on most aspects of breastfeeding, including common problems.

Websites:

[Kellymom](#)

[La Leche League Great Britain](#)

Books:

[The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding](#) (8th edition) La Leche League International 2010, published by Pinter & Martin. Updated edition of the world's bestselling breastfeeding book. [Also available in Kindle.](#)

[The Positive Breastfeeding Book](#), Dr Amy Brown, published by Pinter & Martin, 2018. [Also available in Kindle.](#)

Videos:

[Nancy Mohrbacher](#). Short videos on finding comfortable positions, helping your baby attach deeply, and more.

Anti-racism and breastfeeding

[Is breastfeeding ever black and white?](#) (NCT)

Why we celebrate [Black Breastfeeding Week](#).

Breastfeeding with disabilities

[Breastfeeding with a Disability](#) (Breastfeeding Network)

[Breastfeeding With a Disability: What You Need To Know](#) (Health Central)

Blog: [Successful breastfeeding: a paraplegic mother's experience](#)

LGBTQI families

[Support for Transgender & Non-binary Parents](#) (La Leche League GB)

Podcast: [Breastfeeding Outside the Box](#)

Blog: [Jenna's Breastfeeding Journey: Trans Motherhood](#)

Twins or more

Breastfeeding Twins & Triplets UK [website](#) & [Facebook group](#)

[Mothering Multiples - breastfeeding and caring for twins or more](#). Karen Kerkhoff Gromada 2007, published by La Leche League International.

When breastfeeding is difficult

If your baby was born early, small for gestational age, or is unwell, very sleepy, not growing as expected, unable to breastfeed etc.

[Breastfeeding in the First Hour](#) (Stanford University). Video on how to protect your milk supply and keep your baby safely fed if they are early, small, unwell or for any reason not yet feeding well in the early days after birth.

[Successfully breastfeeding your premature baby](#) (La Leche League GB)

[Feeding "late preterm" babies](#). Babies born at 34-37 weeks gestation, or weighing less than 2500g. (La Leche League GB)

[Getting breastfeeding back on track after a difficult start \(The 3 Keeps\)](#). Useful in any situation where a baby is not yet feeding well, or at all, or is unhappy at the breast. (La Leche League GB)

Sleep

[Baby Sleep Information Source \(BASIS\) from Durham University Parent-Infant Sleep Lab](#).

Information about normal infant sleep based upon the latest UK and worldwide research, including downloadable information sheets in several languages

[Caring for your Baby at Night, a guide for parents](#) (Unicef UK)

[Sweet Sleep: Nighttime and Naptime Strategies for the Breastfeeding Family](#) Diane Weissinger, Diana West, Linda J. Smith & Teresa Pitman 2014, published by Pinter & Martin. [Also available in Kindle](#).

Expressing your milk

[Unicef Baby Friendly UK hand expressing video](#)

["Hands on Pumping" video](#) (Stanford University). Shows you how to use both a breast pump and your hands to get the most milk in the shortest time.

[Maya Bolman breast massage](#). Gentle, thorough technique, useful both for normal expressing or if you have mastitis.

[Free relaxation audio track](#) to listen to while expressing.

Expressing your colostrum before your baby is born. Highly recommended for women with diabetes, or who know that their baby is likely to need special care after birth.

[Expressing your milk before your baby arrives](#) (Association of Breastfeeding Mothers)

[Antenatal Expression of Colostrum](#) (La Leche League GB)

Exclusive pumping (EP)

[Exclusively Pumping Breastmilk](#) Stephanie Casemore 2013, Gray Lion Publishing. [Also available in Kindle.](#)

[Exclusively Pumping UK Mums Facebook group](#)

Breast pump loan/hire

You may be able to borrow a pump from your community midwifery team.

[OBS pump loan](#) (low-cost, 3 weeks maximum).

Commercial pump hire can be arranged online for about £50 per month.

Feeding other than at the breast

Choosing and using [bottles and other tools](#) (La Leche League GB)

[How to bottle feed a breastfed baby](#) (Kellymom)

[Side-lying bottle-feeding](#). An alternative approach for babies in the early weeks.

Formula milk

[Infant formula and responsive bottle feeding](#) (Unicef UK)

[First Steps Nutrition](#) Excellent, independent information on choosing and using infant formula milks in the UK.

[Using formula milk to support breastfeeding](#) (La Leche League GB)

Starting solid foods/weaning

[Baby-led weaning: Helping your baby to love good food](#) Gill Rapley & Tracey Murkett 2008, published by Vermilion. [Also available in Kindle.](#)

[My Child Won't Eat! How to enjoy mealtimes without worry](#). Carlos Gonzales 2020, published by Pinter & Martin. [Also available in Kindle.](#)

[First Steps Nutrition Trust](#). Free, independent information on all aspects of nutrition in the early years.

Breastfeeding and employment

[Maternity action](#) provides information and advice on your rights at work in pregnancy and as a new parent.

[Hirkani's Daughters: women who scale modern mountains to combine breastfeeding and working](#). Jennifer Hicks 2005, published by La Leche League International. Inspirational stories from employed breastfeeding mothers around the world.

Common breastfeeding problems

[Engorgement](#) Breast swelling, especially in the early days after birth (La Leche League GB)

[Mastitis](#) Breast inflammation, at any stage of feeding (La Leche League GB)

Pain [Nipple pain](#), [Breast pain](#) (Breastfeeding Network)

Thrush (candida infection) [Breastfeeding Network thrush information sheet](#)

[Milk blister/bleb](#) (Kellymom)

If breastfeeding hurts, see also the section "Breastfeeding - getting started" (above, p.1) for useful videos.

Medication use while breastfeeding

[Breastfeeding Network \(BfN\) Drug Information Factsheets](#): Free factsheets on many common medications, ideal to share with your doctor and pharmacist.

[Introduction to the safety of drugs passing through breastmilk](#) (Breastfeeding Network)

[Breastfeeding Network's Drugs in Breastmilk Information Service](#) via [Facebook](#) or email.

When breastfeeding ends

[Breast comfort during and after weaning](#) (Kellymom)

[Sadness and depression during \(and after\) weaning](#) (Kellymom)

[Why Breastfeeding Grief and Trauma Matter](#). Dr Amy Brown 2019, published by Pinter & Martin. [Also available in Kindle](#).

Mental Health Resources

Resources from our partners at [The Motherkind Café, Oxford](#) and [The Oxford Parent Infant Partnership \(OXPIP\)](#)

[Motherkind Oxford Psychological first aid for anxiety](#)

[Motherkind Oxford Mindfulness with baby](#)

[OXPIP Ideas for parents to take emotional care of themselves and their children](#)

OBS on social media



Find us on our [Facebook page](#) and our private breastfeeding support [Facebook group](#)



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