

Table 2: Normal-centred care and patient safety implications

Question	Response	Obstetric group	Midwifery group	ODDS Ratio
To what extent do you believe, that the promotion of normal birth has introduced a bias against intervention for women?	Never/Rarely	48 (6.1%)	138 (36.8%)	Ref
	Sometimes	259 (33%)***	168 (44.8%)	4.4 (3.0-6.5)
	Frequently/Always	477 (60.8%)***	69 (18.4%)	19.8 (13.0-30.0)
To what extent do you believe, that the promotion of normal birth has introduced a bias against intervention for clinicians?	Never/Rarely	148 (18.9%)	178 (46.8%)	Ref
	Sometimes	372 (47.4%)***	154 (40.5%)	2.9 (2.2-3.9)
	Frequently/Always	264 (33.7%)***	48 (12.6%)	6.6 (4.5-9.6)
To what extent do you believe, that promotion of normal birth has led to delays in intervention, when required?	Never/Rarely	104 (13.2%)	239 (62.6%)	Ref
	Sometimes	397 (50.6%)***	118 (30.9%)	7.7 (5.7-10.5)
	Frequently/Always	284 (36.2%)***	25 (6.5%)	26.1 (16.0-42.0)
To what extent do you believe, that promotion of normal birth has resulted in maternal request caesarean sections being discouraged?	Never/Rarely	139 (18.8%)	116 (33.1%)	Ref
	Sometimes	244 (33%)	127 (36.3%)	1.6 (1.1-2.2)
	Frequently/Always	356 (48.2%)***	107 (30.6%)	2.8 (1.8-3.8)
To what extent do you believe, that reducing caesarean section rates (as a key performance indicator of maternity services) has led to an increased in assisted vaginal births (ventouse or forceps)?	Never/Rarely	192 (25.7%)	138 (40.1%)	Ref
	Sometimes	330 (44.1%)	150 (43.6%)	1.6 (1.2-2.1)
	Frequently/Always	226 (30.2%)***	56 (16.3%)	2.9 (2.0-4.2)
To what extent do you believe, that reducing caesarean section rates (as a key performance indicator of maternity services) has led to a greater emphasis on attempting VBAC?	Never/Rarely	89 (11.9%)	108 (30.8%)	Ref
	Sometimes	286 (38.1%)***	134 (38.2%)	2.6 (1.8-3.7)
	Frequently/Always	375 (50%)***	109 (31.1%)	4.2 (2.9-5.9)
To what extent do you believe, that a culture of vaginal birth 'at all costs' has led to poor outcomes for mothers or babies?	Never/Rarely	153 (20.5%)	254 (75.4%)	Ref
	Sometimes	363 (48.6%)***	68 (20.2%)	8.9 (6.4-12.3)
	Frequently/Always	231 (30.9%)***	15 (4.5%)	25.6 (14.6-44.7)

Ref- The reference category is Never/Rarely

This parameter is set to zero because it is redundant

***=p<0.001