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Croydon Happy Baby Community is based in Surrey and is supported by Purley Local Meeting and South London Area Meeting.

Croydon is home to the UK Borders Agency and therefore contains a high concentration of initial accommodation for asylum seekers. The project provides perinatal support for new and expectant mothers in this accommodation.

Volunteers currently run a peer to peer support group offering signposting around parenting and asylum issues.

The project funded a Community Ambassador who the hostel twice a week and enabled newly arrived mothers and pregnant women to find out about the group and giving them the confidence to attend the Happy Baby group. Mothers who used public transport to attend (two buses, plus walk, with a new-born baby) struggled, especially over the winter. So some of the funding was used to provide minibus travel from the hostel and attendance remains high.

