

Birth centres celebrate awards

Women who have used the award-winning midwife-led Brent Birth Centre at the Central Middlesex Hospital have given it a vote of confidence.

A survey of women who used the centre over the last year found that nearly all (97 per cent) who gave birth there found the facilities comfortable and relaxing, and 94 per cent said that the support from the midwives was excellent or very good.

The centre launched the findings at its first anniversary in September, celebrating with a party for some of the mothers who have given birth there.

Architect Barbara Weiss's design, which aims to make the whole experience of labour and birth as relaxing and natural as possible, has won a place in the finals of the Prime Minister's Better Public Buildings Awards.

A plaque was presented at the party by Celina Mason, Director of Architecture and Design Review, Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment.

