



# Breast cancer and pregnancy

What next?



# Breast cancer, pregnancy and beyond

- What we've started to do
- What we're going to do
- What we'd like to do
- What you think we should do

# What we've started to do...

## Young women's breast cancer database

- women < 45 years give consent
- resource for research
- sounding board
- linking women

# What research we're going to do...

- Keep doing what we're doing
- Fertility
- Off spring
- Physical & mental health of survivors
- Genetics
- Economics
- National

Support and information  
systems for young women  
diagnosed with breast cancer

# Gestational breast cancer – emotional

*“...how cruel that I couldn't enjoy it...even though I would look at this beautiful baby ... I'm thinking I should be so happy ... there was like a grey cloud over all the joy that I should have had.”*



# Gestational breast cancer - practical

*“I was too scared to come home... I don't know what I was so scared of. It was like, making up formulas and things that I wasn't used to... I had to start chemo.”*



# Subsequent pregnancy – emotional

*“It was very nice to have that acknowledgement from her that she understood that it was really important to us.”*

Talking about future fertility

## Subsequent pregnancy – emotional

*“She was quite dismissive of my fertility as being an issue... your life is far more important than worrying about what might be...that was really upsetting and quite devastating”*

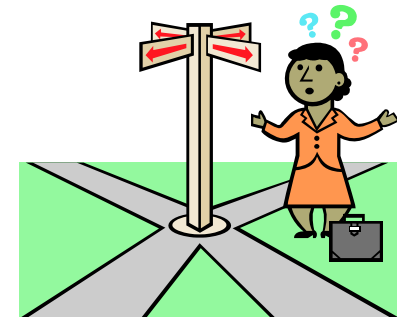
*“I’ve no doubt that she was a very clever doctor, but I actually didn’t trust her personally and that ended up having a huge impact on my chemotherapy treatment.”*

# Breast cancer and pregnancy – the right support

*“Eventually I got a phone call from someone. I can’t remember who it was. She was a 55 year old woman and she was very nice but not what I wanted. Really, what I wanted was...”*

# Support & information for young women

- Practical
- Emotional
- Appropriate
- Short/long term



# My dream!

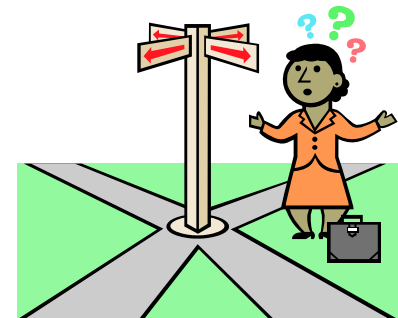


A national support & information network

# Young women's support & information network

- Issues
  - Fertility
  - Pregnancy
  - Menopause
  - Breast feeding

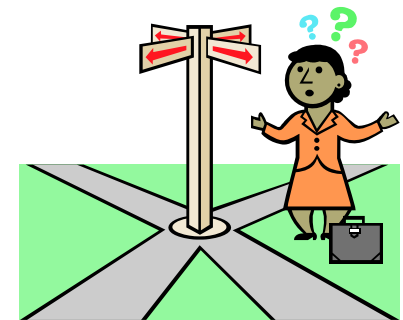
and more...



# Young women's support & information network

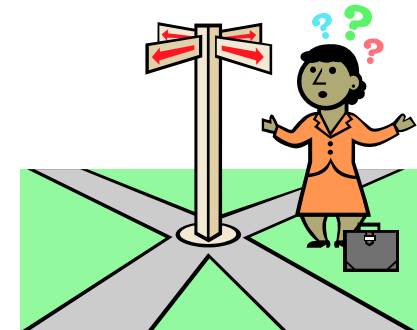
Should involve:

- Survivors
- Health professionals
- Researchers
- Others



# Young women's support & information network

- Websites with links to other websites
- Support groups
- Telephone support
- Pamphlets





What do you think our  
priorities should be?

We would like your thoughts &  
ideas

