National Infant Feeding Network

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A network of 700 infant feeding specialists & academics responsible for the education & support of 75,000 health professionals, & 3,000 students across England & Northern Ireland, who in turn are responsible for caring for over 700,000 mothers and babies every year.

The network shares & promotes evidence-based practice around infant feeding, relationship building & very early child development.
NIFN - Responsibilities

• Information sharing
• Support
• Education
• Representation
• Response to consultations
Information sharing

• Baby Friendly update at each meeting
• Baby Friendly team member to attend one meeting a year
• e-mailings, twitter, website
• Local to national, national to local
  – Start4Life breastfeeding campaign November 2015
Education & support

- Quarterly meetings
- Action learning sets
- Data quality & monitoring
  - work with ChiMat & PHE
- Opportunities for learning
  - BFI conference.
  - new courses
NIFN - representation

- Communication with DH and PHE
- Mother 2 Mother support groups
- National leads meetings
- NHS England Hypoglycaemia review
- APPG – 1001 days, Infant Feeding
Response to consultations

- NICE Post natal care 2017
- APPG Infant Feeding Policy Review

- Maternity Review #Matreview
  https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/nhs-maternity-review