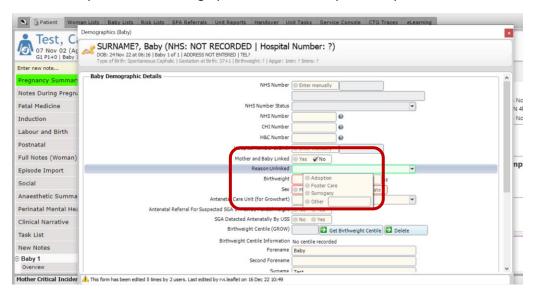# Separation of Mother and Baby Records

In some circumstances the mother and baby record needs to be separated to include foster care, adoption and surrogacy. This may happen immediately following birth, for example if known that baby is going straight into foster care, or at any point during the postnatal period.

How to separate the records immediately at birth?

1. When completing the **'Baby demographics'** information, select **No** to **'mother and baby linked'**.
2. You will then be prompted to record the **'reason unlinked'**- select reason from list
3. Complete rest of demographic information as per usual process

4. Upon separation a visible notice is added to the pregnancy summary page under the baby 1 tab to explain why the baby record has been separated from the mother (and vice versa)

5. Continue to document postnatal care for mother as normal (see postnatal user guide)

How to locate the baby record?

1. To locate the baby record- search for baby in the baby patient list to find the record
2. Document postnatal care for the baby as normal within the baby record.

If the baby goes to foster care whilst under midwifery care in the postnatal period the records can be unlinked at any time. To do this use the enter new note feature to search for 'baby demographics' to unlink the mother and baby record.

Additional information

When a record is unlinked:

From the mothers record the following are removed:
• Baby demographics
• Baby notes
• Baby reports
• Demographic details of baby on shared mother/baby reports
• Baby timeline and baby report is removed from Badger Notes

This separates the baby record from the mother record and removes the following from the baby record:

• All identifiable details of the mother from reports and system fields

It does not remove mother details from:
• Free text fields
• Birth registration report (which is a legal requirement of birth registration)
• Archived reports (these are reports saved as archived copies which cannot be electronically amended)

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