



Message for all Cornwall Peer Supporters 23/12/19

The team at Real Baby Milk will not be part of the supervision and support for you as Breastfeeding Peer Supporters from 1 January 2020. The administration of our private Cornwall Peer Support Facebook group may transfer to Cornwall Council when the arrangements for the transfer of the service in-house has been finalised but until then please be aware that it will not be moderated.

We would also like to thank you all for your wonderful and caring support for Cornwall's mums, babies and wider families over the 10 years that we have been involved in supporting you.

Importantly the Team at Real Baby Milk will be continuing to work to produce our range of Essential Guides and resources supporting Health Professionals, families and babies. The new edition of the Cornwall Essential Guide will be with the Health Teams by the end of January 2020. We will be continuing to offer accredited Training with Aim Awards when this is commissioned by either Cornwall Council and/or RCHT Treliske or others.

Cornwall Council has asked Real Baby Milk to publish the message below to all the Breastfeeding Peer Supporters and Meet and Greet Volunteers in Cornwall.

*“On behalf of **Cornwall Council** I wanted to thank you all for the voluntary work you have undertaken to support new mothers.*

We are aware this year has been challenging as there has been so much change and uncertainty. We are fully aware of your commitment and passion for the work and we wanted to acknowledge how valuable your contribution is.

Thank you also, for your patience as we have continued to find a sustainable solution for the future of the network of volunteers.

I want to assure you that despite the contract with Real Baby Milk coming to an end, Together for Families (Health and Children's services) in the Council are committed to maintaining the network of breastfeeding peer support that Real Baby Milk has been working so hard to maintain and we are working on plans to support you all as we move into 2020.

*Until then, please follow your usual protocols regarding safe management of groups, how to contact health visitors and consulting with MARU if you have a concern around safeguarding. [See **Real Baby Milk's Statement Frequently Asked Questions with FAQs for how to do this**] <https://wp.me/a58HCs-2zM>*

Real Baby Milk will be securely transferring any personnel files and training details they hold over to Together for Families in the New Year and someone will be in contact as soon as possible,

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy and Peaceful Solstice, Christmas and New Year. JL (Commissioner)”