



Ladywell: Amid Ruin and Rebirth  
Final Major Project  
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# LADYWELL BATH HOUSE / PLAYTOWER

Constructed in 1884, the Ladywell Bath House or commonly referred to as the Playtower, is a two-storey building with made gothic architectural features. Initially a Bath House which segregated users based on affluence, the site has undergone many funtional changes, as well as unfortunate fires, vandalism and now, dereliction. What is intriguing about the Playtower is perhaps how it connects water, wellbeing and community. Or perhaps that the exterior stands ornate and creates a sense of nostalgia whilst the interior invites oppurtunity for change.

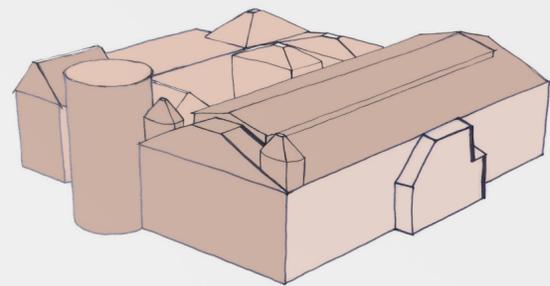
## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Ladywell Bath House/Playtower is a Grade II Listed building.

### What is a listed building?

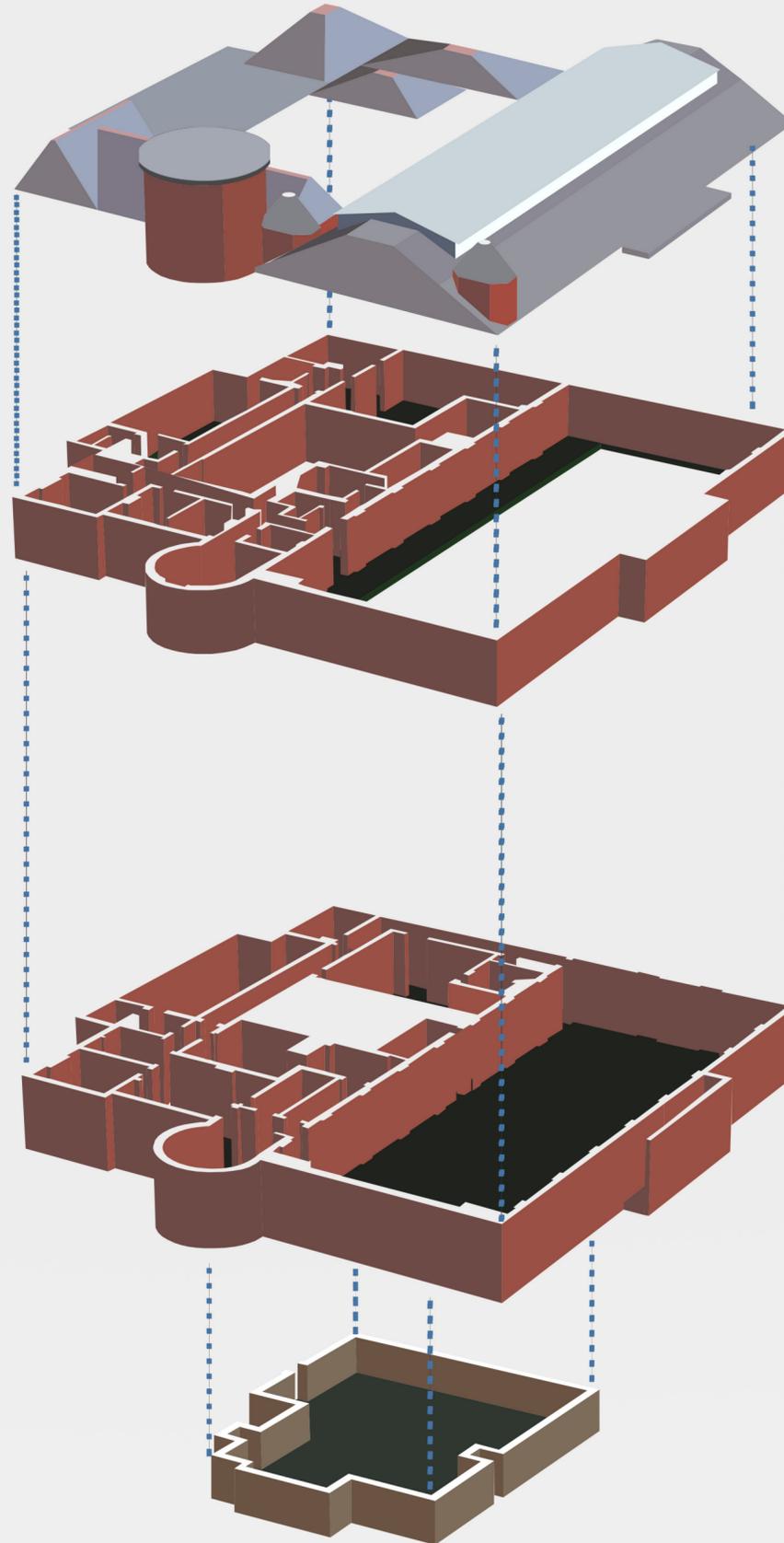
“Listing marks and celebrates a building’s special architectural and historic interest, and also brings it under the consideration of the planning system, so that it can be protected for future generations.” - Historic England

Listing does not mean ‘preservation’ therefore, the building can be changed but consent must be applied for. However, as this site is Grade II listed, meaning it is more than special interest, it is important to consider which parts of the building are of high or low historical significance. The diagram to the right highlights these areas. Furthermore, this will impact the design of the proposal as it dictates what parts of the building will be kept or changed.

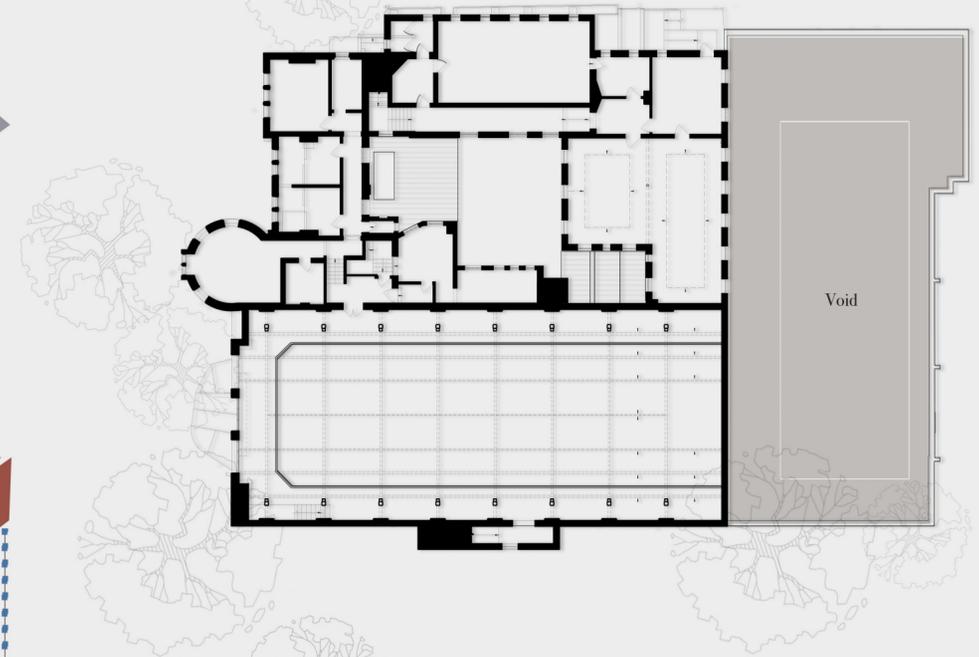


Key:  - High  - Medium  - Low

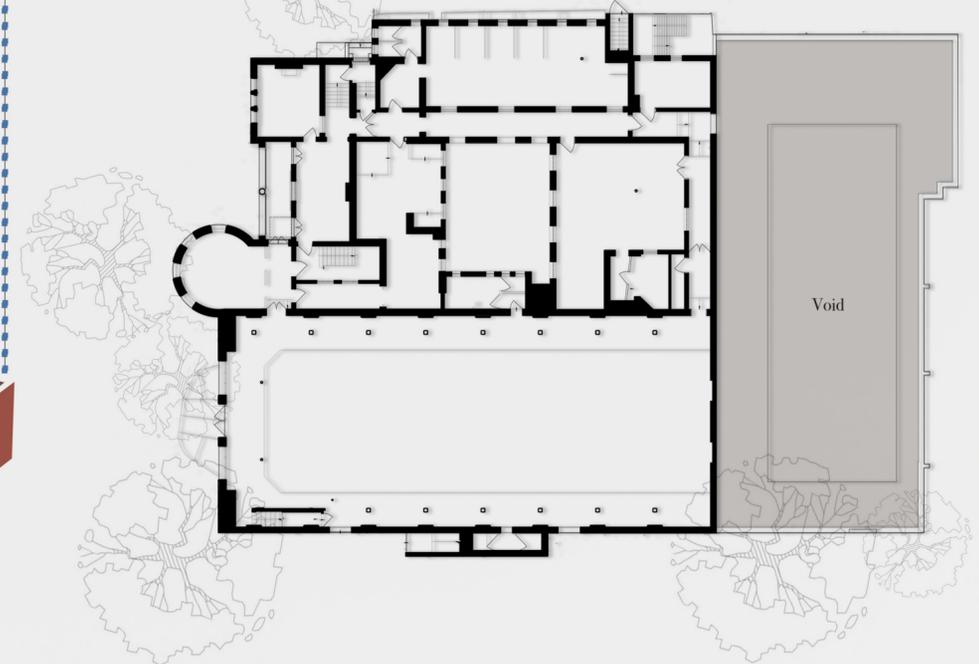
Existing Building - Exploded Axonometric Diagram



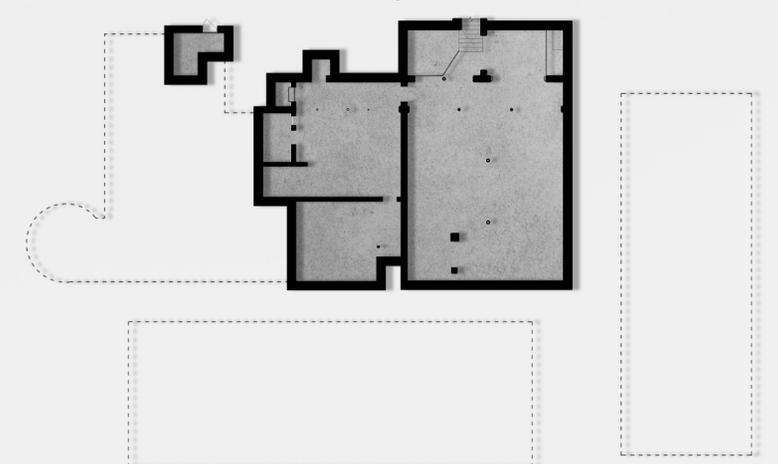
Existing First Floor Plan



Existing Ground Floor Plan



Existing Basement Plan

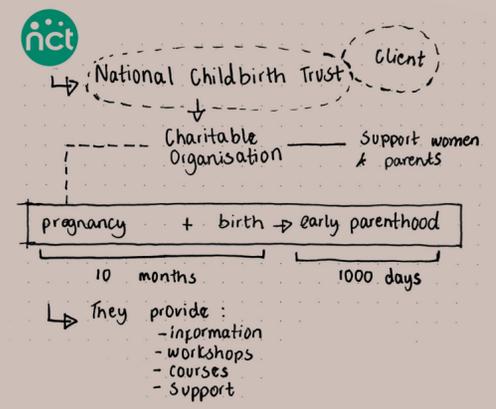
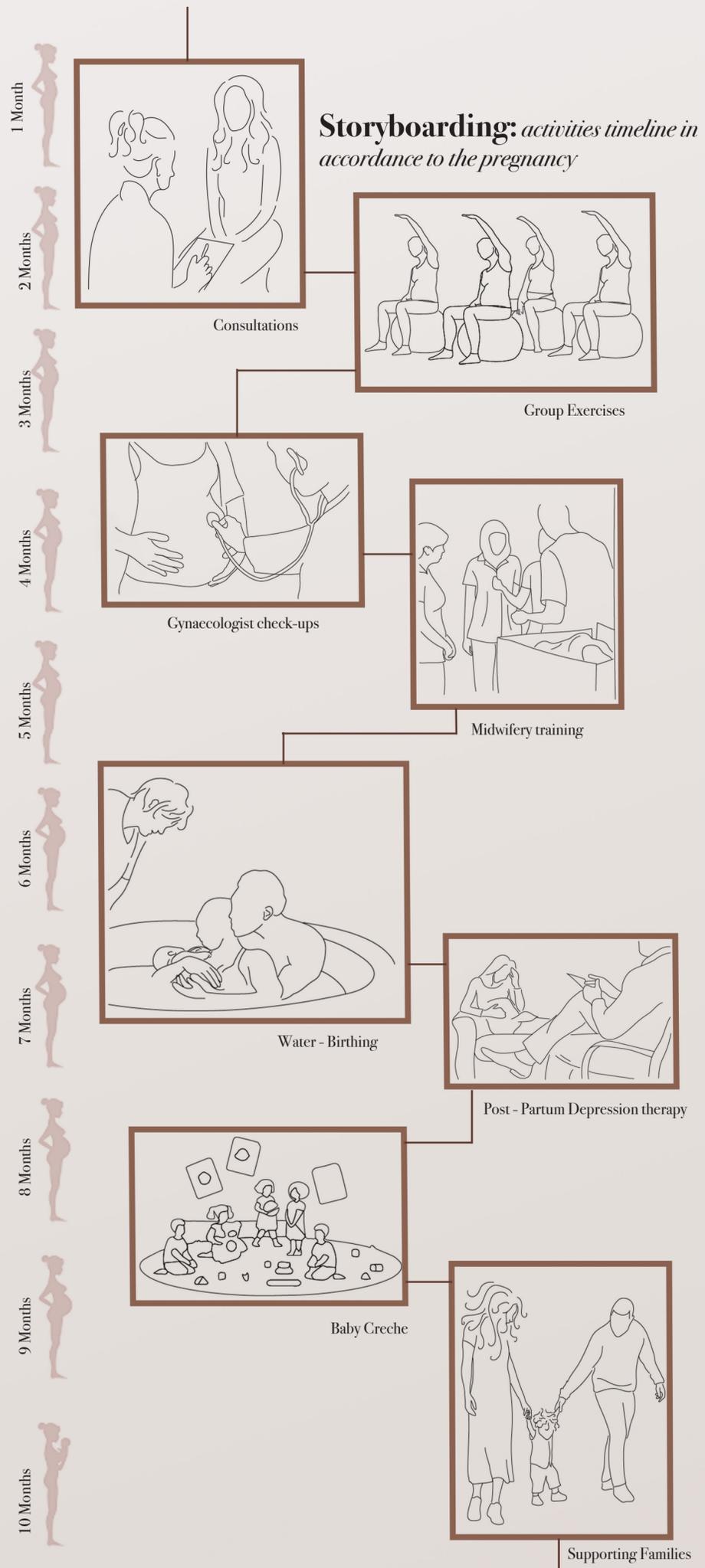
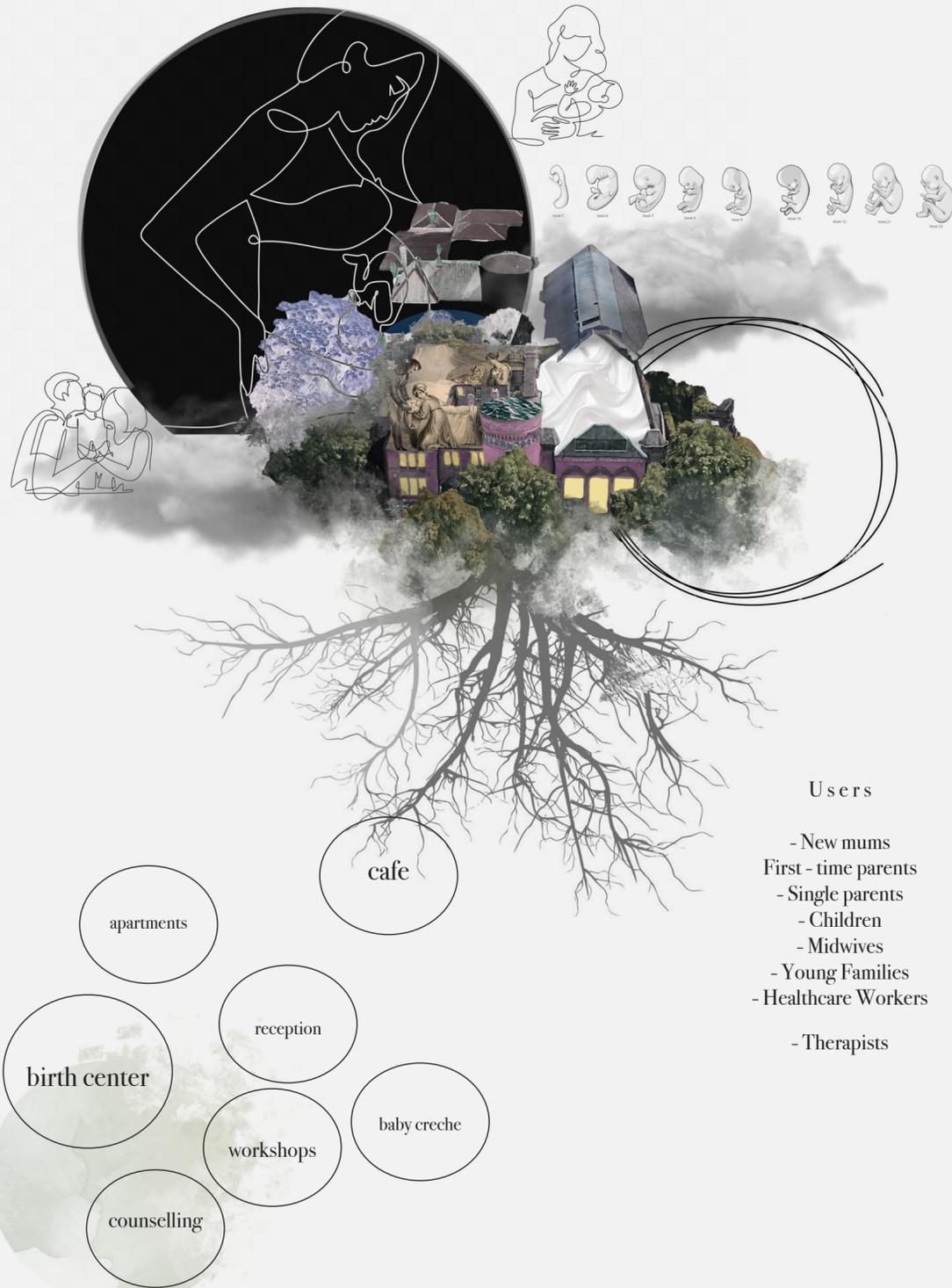


Note: The drawings above are not to scale

# conceptual brief

The revival of the Ladywell Bathhouse/Playtower in this project begins with celebrating the history of Ladywell. Throughout centuries, whether it was worship, medicinal use or turmoil from floodings, it is evident that all activity in this village is sourced from it's rivers and springs.

Project 'Amid ruin and rebirth' is the future of Ladywell. Focusing on health, community and enabling further oppurtunities for development for the village. Providing all the facilities that enable new parents and young families to be supported, this project focuses on health and raising the next generation of children (and parents) in a nurturing and educational environment.



Why would the National Childbirth Trust be interested in project Amid Ruin and Rebirth?

Project Amid Ruin and Rebirth aims to go above and beyond for pregnant women and early parents. Whether it is the ante-natal period or the post-natal, this project seeks to provide early parents all of the support needed. This is a mutual motivation for the designer of this project and the NCT. The NCT birth and Beyond Community Support is an example of this, as it is a programme that trains local women and birthing people to become peer supporters for new mums during the first 1000 days of parenthood.

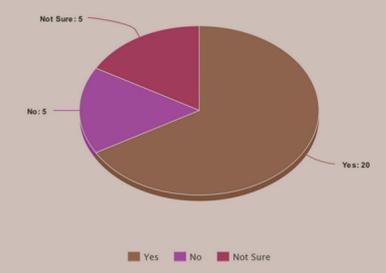
The NCT provides support for parents through "the first 1,000 days" in order to have an easier transition into early parenthood. My client provides services such as: online and in-person workshops where practitioners and experts share their knowledge and advice, events that allow pregnant women and parents to network and build support systems and lastly, holding campaigns on issues regarding early experiences of becoming a parent.

## User Research

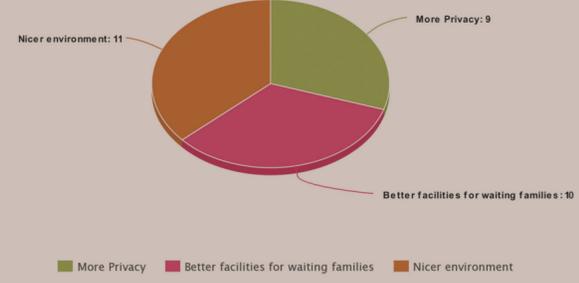
In order to gain a better understanding of the user, a small questionnaire was conducted, comprising of 3 questions. The sample size was of a total of 30 women who had given birth in a hospital in London.

The Results are depicted in the form of pie charts on the right. This research enabled this project to focus on finding it's narrative and to understand the true user experience.

Did you ever feel isolated during your pregnancy?



What improvements could be made to Maternal Health care services?



Do you wish you had more privacy during your childbirth?

