Fathers as well as Mothers
Association vs Causation

- Emotional
- Conduct
- Pro-social
- Cognitive
Independent and Connected
Independent

- Differing associated child outcomes of paternal vs maternal illness
- Differing effects on boys vs girls
- Medication adverse effect associations vary

- Early screening and intervention is key
Connected

- Paternal and Maternal depression (Paulson 2010)
- Depression and parent-child interaction (Ramchandani and Psychogiou 2009)
- Marital satisfaction (Paulson)

All relate to child outcome with early intervention key
To medicate or not to medicate

- Teratogenicity
- ASD
- ADHD
- Cognitive Development
If we treat not…

- Increased risk of depression and behavioural problems in offspring
- Increased baby cortisol and hyperactive stress response
- Impaired offspring response to adversity
So…

- Health Visitors
- Midwives
- GPs
- Obstetricians

*Early screening and referral*