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HOME VISIT REPORT RELEASED AS PART OF NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK, 2004.

A young Bankstown mother will talk about her personal experience tomorrow (Tuesday March 30) as one of twenty mothers taking part in a project which involved nurses and health care workers visiting young mothers at home for six months after the birth of their babies.

The Young Parents Home Visiting Project is an initiative of the Bankstown Health Service. It involves offering a home visit service to mothers under 22 years of age who have given birth at Bankstown Hospital, Canterbury Hospital or St George Hospital.

A report on the project will be released tomorrow (Tuesday March 30).

Service Manager, Corner Youth Health Services, Voula Kougelos said each mother was visited regularly for six months by a member of the team which included nurses, health workers and counsellors.

“They provided a range of advice and help, including information about playgroups, medical and financial services, government departments and social contacts,” she said.

Over half the mothers were from non-English speaking backgrounds. “Often they were very isolated and totally unfamiliar with how to access the services they needed.”

The report will be released by The Administrator, South Western Sydney Area Health Service, Debora Picone. Special guests include the General Manager, Bankstown Health Service, Andrew Bernard and the Bankstown mother giving a presentation, Emily Succarie.

When: Tuesday March 30, 2004.

Time: 2.30pm

Place: Bankstown Community Health Centre,
36-38 Raymond Street, Bankstown.

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