Perinatal care, Mental health support through exercise **Parent & Baby Exercise Classes**

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My story which shaped my path to working in the fitness industry

Types of clients

Suffer with body dysmorphia

Eating disorder recovery

Menopause

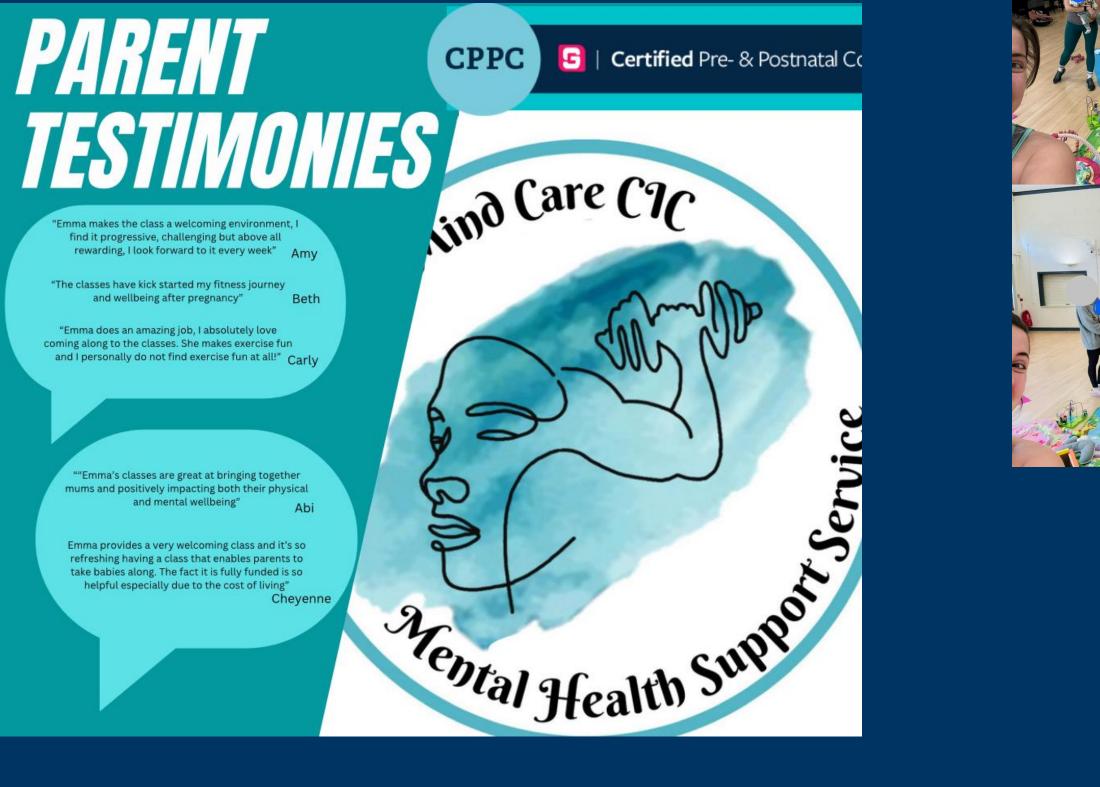
Parent & baby exercise classes

Post Natal support



Why we run our grant funded parent & baby exercise classes?









What statistics show about exercise & perinatal care

Conditions in pregnancy Money Out **Physical/ Mental Health Conditions** 6% 6% 14% 20% 20% 30% 30% 14% 30% 100% 30% Preeclampsia Gestational diabetes High BMI Post natal depression in women Post natal depression in men

Total expenses	
Post natal depression in men	
Post natal depression in women	
High BMI	
Gestational diabetes	
Preeclampsia	

Why we push for using exercise as a way to support with poor mental health?

- Promote men's mental health and post natal depression
- Helps release endorphins to help a better mindset
- Build a community/break the taboos around poor mental health
- Help high risk pregnancies
- Help promote positive body image and body acceptance
- Help stop people accessing care services to help with costs for the nhs



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We can shape the next generation to help with positive discussions around mental health and physical activity

It's okay to not be okay, but you are not alone

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