**Perinatal Psychiatry Masterclass Programme 2022**

**Dear Participant,**

**Re: Prescribing Masterclass**

We are the facilitators for the psychopharmacology aspects of the course and are looking forward to seeing you on the day. In addition to presentations on the reproductive safety of the main classes of psychotropic drugs we will aim to deepen your understanding of common methodological issues in research in this area and conduct some exercises and discussions to practice applying your knowledge to clinical practice.

***How the masterclass will be run:***

The day will consist of presentations by us but also discussions and group work which we will facilitate together with Dr McDonald, Dr Cantwell and Dr Green. You will be divided into groups on the day and each group will be working on their set tasks. This is followed by a presentation from your group representatives who will summarise your discussions, followed by a general discussion.

***Advance preparation:***

Please read the enclosed papers for the session on critical appraisal and think about answers to the following questions:

1. You are asked about your views by a patient who had read about the study in the Daily Mail. Summarise the paper and your view on its findings in a few sentences.

2. What are the strengths of the methodology?  
3, What are the limitations?

4. How could this study be improved - what would you have done differently if anything?  
5. How much does this study add to the literature - does it change anything?

**We are looking forward to working with you,**

**with best wishes,**

**Dr Angelika Wieck Professor Ian Jones**