

Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries across the UK

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**NEWSLETTER** 

# MBRRACE-UK: Delivering the UK-wide Maternal, Newborn and Infant Clinical Outcome Review Programme

#### Reasons to celebrate

In December we successfully launched the first two MBRRACE-UK reports from the maternal mortality and morbidity confidential enquiries and the perinatal confidential enquiry.

Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care (2014)

Perinatal Confidential Enquiry – Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (2014)

The full reports, the lay versions of the reports and an infographic illustrating the headline findings from the maternal report can be downloaded at:

#### www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/mbrrace-uk/reports

It would not have been possible to produce these reports without your personal contribution and the contribution of your organisation; for this we are most grateful.

We are interested in hearing about any impacts that the report findings have had on your personal practice or the organisation of care in your Trust/Health Board. Please let us know about these by email to:

mbrrace-uk@npeu.ox.ac.uk





### Perinatal mortality surveillance update

The first MBRRACE-UK Perinatal Mortality Surveillance report will be launched at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist, London on Wednesday 10th June 2015. Invitations went out to lead reporters on 23rd February (one place per hospital initially, on a first come first served basis with places allocated from a reserve list thereafter).

Registration will be via https://mbrrace-surveillance.eventbrite.co.uk

OR

Via email to: mbrrace-events@leicester.ac.uk

Enquiries to: Ian Gallimore 0116 252 5456 (Mon-Fri 9.30 to 12.30)

















## **Coding cause of death**

We are setting up a Reporters' Consultation Group in March 2015 and already have obstetricians, neonatologists and midwives who have agreed to help. Their remit will be to provide input and suggestions for training for registered reporters to help them negotiate the CODAC system for the categorisation of perinatal deaths, provide coding examples and to contribute to the content of a 'CODAC users handbook'.

## Missing cases for 2014

We have recently sent the first report for Trusts/Health Boards listing deaths in 2014 registered by parents that we could not identify as reported on the MBRRACE-UK system. To help reporters we have started these cases in the MBRRACE-UK system with the basic information we have from national death registration data. If you have received a report:

- Please complete the remaining data for the case we have started for you
- Cases will then be automatically removed from your list of missing cases
- · Starting a completely new case will mean a delay before it is removed from the list of missing cases

We know that many of you will currently be working very hard to enter the outstanding cases for 2014. Thank you to those of you in the hospitals below who, when we sent our regular report in early January 2015, had entered all their cases for the first 6 months of 2014 in England and Wales and for the first 9 months in Scotland:

Airedale General Hospital Alexandra Hospital, Worcestershire Barnet Hospital Barnsley Hospital **Basildon University Hospital** Bassetlaw Hospital **Bedford Hospital** Birmingham Children's Hospital Birmingham Women's Hospital Blackpool Victoria Hospital Bronglais General Hospital Calderdale Royal Hospital Chesterfield Royal Hospital City Hospital, Birmingham Colchester General Hospital Conquest Hospital Countess of Chester Hospital Croydon University Hospital **Darent Valley Hospital Darlington Memorial Hospital** Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby Doncaster Royal Infirmary Eastbourne District General Hospital Edith Cavell Campus, Peterborough **Epsom General Hospital** Evelina Children's Hospital Friarage Hospital Frimley Park Hospital

Furness General Hospital

George Eliot Hospital Glan Clwyd Hospital Good Hope Hospital Harrogate District Hospital Hillingdon Hospital Hinchingbrooke Hospital Homerton Hospital Horton General Hospital **Ipswich Hospital** Jessop Wing, Sheffield Kettering General Hospital King's College Hospital Leeds General Infirmary Leicester General Hospital Leicester Royal Infirmary Leighton Hospital Lincoln County Hospital Macclesfield District General Hospital Mid Staffordshire Foundation Hospital Milton Keynes Hospital Morriston Hospital Musgrove Park Hospital Nevill Hall Hospital North Devon District Hospital North Manchester General Hospital North Middlesex University Hospital Northampton General Hospital **Ormskirk District General** Hospital

Pilgrim Hospital

Pinderfields General Hospital Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath Queen Charlottes & Chelsea Hospital Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead Queen's Hospital, Romford Rotherham General Hospital Royal Albert Edward Infirmary Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley Royal Berkshire Hospital Royal Bolton Hospital Royal Derby Hospital Royal Free Hospital Royal Gwent Hospital Royal Preston Hospital Royal Shrewsbury Hospital Royal Surrey County Hospital Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne Scarborough General Hospital Scunthorpe General Hospital South Tyneside District Hospital St Helier Hospital, Carshalton St James's University Hospital, Leeds St Mary's Hospital, Isle of Wight

St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey St Richards Hospital, Chichester Stepping Hill Hospital Sunderland Royal Hospital Tameside General Hospital The Great Western Hospital The Princess Royal University Hospital, Orpington The Royal Oldham Hospital Tunbridge Wells Hospital University College Hospital, London University Hospital North University Hospital of North Tees Wansbeck General Hospital Warrington Hospital Warwick Hospital Watford General Hospital West Cumberland Hospital West Suffolk Hospital Wexham Park Hospital Whipps Cross University Hospital Whiston Hospital William Harvey Hospital Worcestershire Royal Hospital Worthing Hospital Wrexham Maelor Hospital Wythenshawe Hospital York Hospital

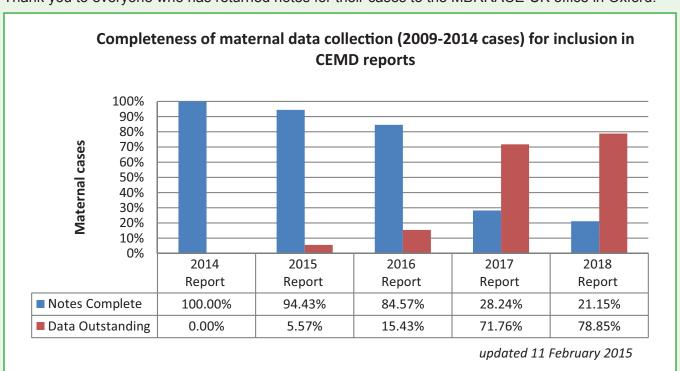
# About the MBRRACE-UK Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths Annual Reports

In the past the maternal mortality reports were published on a triennial basis. This is because the number of maternal deaths from individual causes is small, and thus three years' worth of data are required to identify consistent lessons learned for future care and to maintain anonymity and confidentiality. We are now required to report on an annual basis. However, the need to undertake annual reporting does not change the requirement for three years' worth of data, therefore, each cause-specific chapter which appeared in the previous triennial reports will now appear in an annual report once every three years on a cyclical basis, alongside a surveillance chapter reporting three years of statistical data. The topics for inclusion in the 2014–16 reports are as follows:

| 2014 Report (published):  | 2015 Report   | 2016 Report  |
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| *Surveillance data on maternal deaths from 2009–12.   | *Surveillance data on maternal deaths from 2011-13.   | *Surveillance data on maternal deaths from 2012-14.  |
| *Confidential Enquiry reports on: - severe morbidity from sepsis - deaths due to: haemorrhage amniotic fluid embolism anaesthesia neurological and other indirect causes (excluding cardiac and malignant causes) | *Confidential Enquiry reports on:  - deaths due to:     psychiatric causes     thrombosis &     thromboembolism     malignancy     late and coincidental causes | *Confidential Enquiry reports on:  - severe morbidity from cardiac and psychiatric causes  - deaths due to:     cardiac causes     pre-eclampsia, eclampsia & related causes     deaths in early pregnancy |

# **Update on Maternal Data Collection**

Thank you to everyone who has returned notes for their cases to the MBRRACE-UK office in Oxford.



### **Completeness of case notes for Confidential Enquiry Reports**

The MBRRACE-UK team in Oxford has been collecting surveillance forms and copies of case notes for maternal deaths that will be included in the upcoming annual maternal reports. In the chart on the previous page you can see our progress. With your help so far, we have achieved 94% data completion for cases to be reviewed for inclusion in the 2015 report and 84% for the 2016 report. Thank you for your on-going commitment.

However, we continue to request and chase documentation at NHS Trusts/Health Boards, Coroners'/ Procurator Fiscals' offices and GP practices. All Units that have outstanding data collection for cases which will be included in 2015 report have been contacted and we would request that you send us the required documentation and information as a matter of urgency.

## **Looking Ahead**

#### Maternal Morbidity Confidential Enquiry 2016 - Artificial heart valves in pregnancy

One of the new aspects of the MBRRACE-UK work is to undertake confidential enquiries into maternal morbidities. 'Women with artificial heart valves' was the topic chosen by the Independent Advisory Group for inclusion in the 2016 report. We have therefore selected a sample of 35 women, who were notified to the on-going UKOSS study, to undergo confidential case review.

Anne Smith in Oxford has started contacting MBRRACE-UK Maternal Leads at the hospitals where these cases occurred asking them to provide us with copies of the case records and details of the local clinicians involved in the care. If you are not contacted within the next three months then a case has not been selected from your hospital.

All the information received will be collated, fully anonymised, and subject to expert review using the same methodology as for the confidential enquiry into maternal deaths. The results will be published in the 2016 report.

#### Case ascertainment for 2014

In spring 2015, the Oxford team will start contacting all Trusts/Health Boards to ascertain maternal deaths that occurred in 2014 across the UK. We urge all Units that have had a death not yet notified to contact the Oxford MBRRACE-UK office on 01865 289715 to report the death. Please remember to report every maternal death within 7 days from the incident and to return the surveillance form and copies of all the case notes within 21 days from notification.

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The Maternal, Newborn and Infant Clinical Outcome Review programme, delivered by MBRRACE-UK, is commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) on behalf of NHS England, NHS Wales, the Health and Social care division of the Scottish government, the Northern Ireland Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), the States of Jersey, Guernsey, and the Isle of Man.

