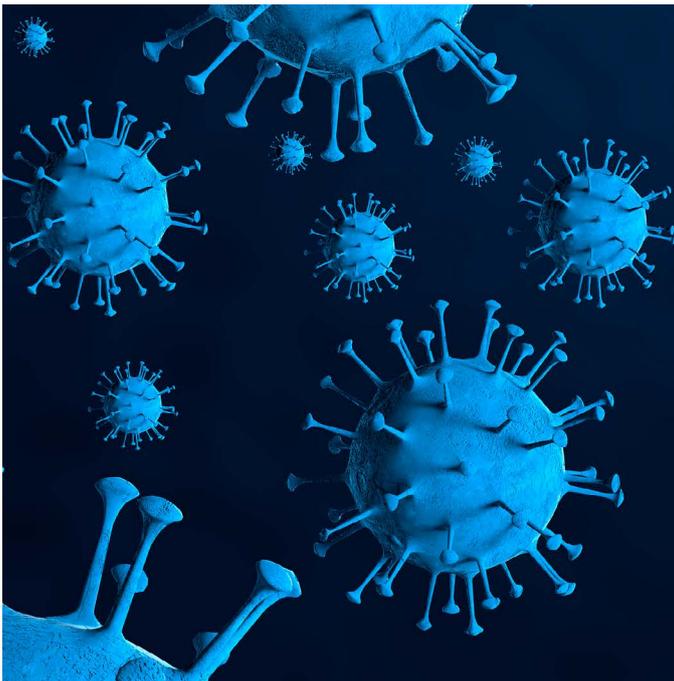


Spring is on the way!

The days are finally getting longer, warmer weather is on its way again and the first signs of Spring are appearing. Hopefully, our daily exercise will be a little bit less muddy and cold soon. The past year has been really challenging. We would like to thank you again for all the support and commitment you have shown to our studies despite those difficult circumstances. We really appreciate it.

We also have a number of new UKMidSS reporters who have joined us over the past few months... A big **welcome** to the team! We are looking forward to working with you. If it would be helpful, Alessandra can arrange a time to meet you on Teams or Zoom and give you an overview of UKMidSS and your role. There are also lots of useful resources on our website [UK Midwifery Study System | NPEU \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.ukmidss.org.uk)



Covid-19 survey

On 1st February 2021 you will have received a link to complete the second wave Covid-19 survey about the impact of the pandemic on midwifery-led service provision. For reporters who have been with us for a while, this survey will not look new. We first sent it out on the 1st of April 2020 to capture the changes in the first wave.

If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so! It should only take a couple of minutes. We want to get responses back as quickly as possible so we can feed the results back directly to the Chief Midwifery Officer at NHS England.

UKMidSS Winter Stars

It wouldn't be our usual newsletter if we weren't acknowledging some of our reporters. For this winter, we would like to say a big thank you to **Emma Booth** from **Bronglais Midwife Led Unit- Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth** and **Maryanne Bray** from **The Midwifery Led Birth Unit- University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff** for keeping chasing us and being so patient about their OpenClinica log-in details, and last but not least **Dee Watkinson** from **Primrose Midwifery-led Birthing Suite- Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon** for catching up with data entry.

If you would like to nominate a colleague who you know has been doing a great job for UKMidSS, please do so!



PPH Study

Time is really flying by and it has been nearly a year since we stopped requesting monthly reports for the PPH Study. We collected data from September 2019 to February 2020 (when we had to stop collecting data because of the pandemic) and have had 1685 cases reported overall.

We know everyone has been under increased pressure over the past year, which has made finding time for reporting and data entry that much harder. That makes it even more impressive that we have had 95% of monthly reports submitted for the study. Because we had to stop the study early we only have 6 months of data collection, so it's even more important than usual that we have complete data for all the cases reported.

We currently have 14% of cases for which data entry has not yet been started or is not yet complete. Please check the table below to make sure that you haven't got any outstanding data entry. Let us know if you're having problems catching up.

Centres with outstanding/incomplete data entry

Unit	Not yet started	Started but not completed
Abbey Birth Centre, St Peter's Hospital	2	0
Alexandra Birth Centre, Watford General Hospital	7	4
AMU Midwifery Suite, Ayrshire Maternity Unit	12	2
Arbroath Community Maternity Unit, Arbroath Infirmary	0	1
Aylesbury Birth Centre	3	4
Barking Birth Centre	1	0
Bluebell Birth Centre, North Manchester General Hospital	0	2
Bracken Birth Centre, Musgrove Park Hospital	6	0
Brecon Birth Centre, Brecon War Memorial Hospital	0	1
Bronglais Midwife Led Unit	1	0
Brook Birth Centre, Ipswich Hospital	12	1
Chippenham Birth Centre, Chippenham Community Hospital	3	0
Coastal Birthing Unit, Clacton and District Hospital	0	2
Community Maternity Unit, Perth Royal Infirmary	0	1
Llanidloes Birth Centre	1	0
Lotus Midwifery Unit, Leeds General Infirmary	4	0
Maidstone Birth Centre, Maidstone Hospital	0	2
Meadows Birth Centre, Leicester General Hospital	0	2
New Beginnings, Southend Hospital	8	1
Oxford Spires Midwifery-led Unit, The John Radcliffe Hospital	0	1
Penrice Birth Centre, St Austell	1	0
Singleton Midwife-led Unit, William Harvey Hospital	0	1
Stockport Birth Centre	8	0
Stroud Maternity Unit	10	0
Tair Afon Birth Centre	3	1
Wrekin Midwife Led Unit, Princess Royal Hospital	2	0
The Birth Centre, Birmingham Women's Hospital	1	1
The Birthing Unit, Broomfield Hospital	0	1
The Birth Centre, St Helier Hospital	7	0
The Birthing Room, St Mary's Hospital, Isles of Scilly	1	0
The Birthing Unit, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital	5	0
The Birthing Unit, County Hospital, Stafford	1	1
The Birthing Unit, East Surrey Hospital	2	1

Unit	Not yet started	Started but not completed
The Birthing Unit, Ninewells Hospital	2	0
The Carmen Suite, St George's Hospital, Tooting	0	2
The EGA Birth Centre, University College Hospital	12	0
The Heath Birth Centre, Royal Free Hospital	0	1
The Home from Home Unit, Ysbyty Dolgellau	1	0
The Marton Suite, James Cook University Hospital	0	1
The Mary Rose Birth Centre, Queen Alexandra Hospital	0	5
The Midwife Led Birthing Unit, Peterborough City Hospital	1	0
The Midwife Led Unit, Leighton Hospital, Crewe	18	3
The Midwife Led Unit, Lister Hospital	0	1
The Midwifery Led Birth Unit, University Hospital of Wales	2	3
The Midwifery Led Unit, Altnagelvin Area Hospital	5	1
The White Horse Birth Centre	1	0
The Willow Suite, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital	1	0
Withybush Midwife Led Unit	1	0
Wycombe Birth Centre	3	1

Final data entry reminder...

When finalising the data entry, please remember to double check if your case/control actually meets the eligibility criteria for the study. This will avoid unnecessary data entry or duplication of work. If you are unable to retrieve the notes, please do let us know so we can make a note on the system and stop chasing you.



CASE:

A woman who gave birth in the MLU and had a PPH requiring transfer to obstetric unit or obstetric care. This includes women where PPH was a secondary reason for transfer (e.g. PPH in the context of retained placenta or perineal trauma)

CONTROL:

The woman who gave birth in the MLU immediately before the CASE. If there are two women who are CASES one after the other, the first case cannot be a control. You will have to identify the two women who gave birth immediately before the two CASES. Remember the same woman cannot be a control for more than one case.

Water immersion for women with raised BMI survey

We recently invited you to complete a survey and send us your guidelines for our ongoing project about the use of immersion in water and care of obese women in labour. Claire Litchfield, a PhD student at Oxford Brookes University, is working with us to investigate whether the use of immersion in water may improve rates of normal birth in obese women.

Thank you to all those who have already replied!

So far, we have received responses from 97 reporters. Of those, 64 were completed surveys and 56 guidelines. There is still time to take part in this and as always a high response rate will mean that the results are more useful. If you have completed the survey, but not yet sent us your guidelines please do that ASAP. If you have not yet taken part please follow the link in the email you have received from UKMidSS. If you have any questions, or would like further information please contact ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk



Exciting news!

Many of you will remember that we have held really successful UKMidSS Study Days in the past for all our reporters. Reports of these are on our [website](#). We had been planning to hold a third Study Day in December of last year, but were unable to because of the pandemic. We're excited to announce that we will be holding our third Study Day online in December this year. Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon!

And several of you have asked if we are planning a new UKMidSS study. The answer is yes! We have more than one study in the pipeline, but are just waiting for services to return to something like normal before starting. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

UKMidSS Steering Group

The UKMidSS Steering Group provides overall strategic oversight for the UKMidSS programme and has been meeting online (usually three times a year) since the start of the pandemic. The group includes senior midwives, obstetricians, UKMidSS researchers, and at least two lay members/user representatives. Currently the Chair is Mervi Jokinen, from the Royal College of Midwives and the Vice Chair is Catherine Williams, lay member. The full list of members is on our website - [Management | NPEU \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)



CPD certificates

If you require a CPD certificate for your revalidation, please get in touch! Being an UKMidSS reporter means that you are contributing to national audit and research. You can drop us an email at ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk



Update contact details

Is one of your reporters leaving? Is the lead midwife for the MLU going on maternity leave? Is your Head of Midwifery taking a sabbatical? If yes, please do let us know. We rely on updated contact details to communicate news as well as collecting data for our studies.

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