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Looking for an opportunity to improve maternal health and care?



Do you work in Scotland?



Would you like to play an instrumental role in approving new UKOSS studies and monitoring the progress of the UKOSS programme?

Yes? Then come and join the UKOSS Steering Committee!

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a midwife, obstetrician, anaesthetist or perinatal risk manager from Scotland to join the UKOSS Steering Committee as our Scottish Representative.

The Steering Committee is multi-disciplinary and meets online three times a year. Its main responsibilities are to consider applications for new studies on the UKOSS programme and to monitor the progress of ongoing studies. Membership is not remunerated but meetings may be considered as part of continuing professional development.

Applications will be assessed on the basis of the following desirable criteria:

Evidence of contribution to UKOSS at a local level: for example, co-ordinating UKOSS reporting, returning monthly reports and completing data collection forms.

Evidence of forging links within and outside ones own professional group and with wider multi-disciplinary teams.

Evidence of interest in UKOSS: for example, proposing new topic areas, making study applications and/or using UKOSS data in presentations or publications.

Research, audit and confidential enquiry or clinical governance experience in obstetrics/ maternity care. Experience of committee work (local or national).

If you would like to apply, please submit a two page CV and a short covering letter stating why you would like to undertake the role to UKOSS at ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk.

For an informal discussion, please contact Melanie O'Connor, UKOSS Programme Manager
(melanie.oconnor@npeu.ox.ac.uk)

THIS MONTH

- Meet a new member of the UKOSS Team
- Endocrine neoplasia study starting soon!



Hospital Monthly Reporting Rates over SIX MONTHS (Dec 2025 – May 2026)

6 months reported, 4 or 5 months reported, 2 or 3 months reported, 1 month reported, 0 months reported

Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Arrowe Park Hospital
Ayrshire Maternity Unit
Barnet Hospital (Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust)
Barnsley Hospital
Basildon University Hospital
Bassetlaw Hospital
Bedford Hospital
Borders General Hospital
Bronglais Hospital
Broomfield Hospital
Calderdale Royal Hospital
Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
Chesterfield Royal Hospital
Colchester General Hospital
Conquest Hospital (East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust)
Countess of Chester Hospital
Craigavon Area Hospital
Croydon University Hospital
Cumberland Infirmary
Daisy Hill Hospital
Darent Valley Hospital
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Diana Princess of Wales Hospital
Doncaster Royal Infirmary
Dorset County Hospital
Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary
East Surrey Hospital
Epsom General Hospital
Forth Valley Royal Hospital
George Eliot Hospital
Glan Clwyd District General Hospital
Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Good Hope Hospital
Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital
Harrogate District Hospital
Hereford County Hospital
Hinchingbrooke Hospital
Homerton University Hospital
Hull Royal Infirmary
Ipswich Hospital
Jersey General Hospital
John Radcliffe Hospital
Kettering General Hospital
King's College Hospital
King's Mill Hospital
Kingston Hospital
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (Royal Preston Hospital)
Lancashire Women and Newborn Centre
Leeds General Infirmary
Leighton Hospital
Lincoln County Hospital
Lister Hospital
Liverpool Women's Hospital
Luton and Dunstable University Hospital
Manor Hospital (Walsall)
Medway Maritime Hospital
Midland Metropolitan University Hospital
Muggrove Park Hospital
New Cross Hospital
North Devon District Hospital
North Manchester General Hospital
North Middlesex University Hospital
Northampton General Hospital
Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
Nottingham City Hospital
Ormskirk District General Hospital
Peterborough City Hospital
Pilgrim Hospital

Pinderfields General Hospital
Prince Charles Hospital
Princess Alexandra Hospital
Princess Anne Hospital
Princess Royal Hospital (Telford)
Princess of Wales Hospital
Queen Alexandra Hospital
Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital
Queen Elizabeth Hospital (King's Lynn)
Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Woolwich)
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital
Queen's Hospital (Burton-on-Trent)
Queen's Hospital (Romford)
Raigmore Hospital
Rosie Maternity Hospital
Rotherham District General Hospital
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
Royal Alexandra Hospital
Royal Berkshire Hospital
Royal Bournemouth Hospital
Royal Cornwall Hospital
Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital
Royal Free Hospital
Royal Jubilee Maternity Service
Royal Lancaster Infirmary
Royal Surrey County Hospital
Royal United Hospital
Royal Victoria Infirmary
Salisbury District Hospital
Scunthorpe General Hospital
Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health
Singleton Hospital
South West Acute Hospital
Southend University Hospital
Southmead Hospital
St George's Hospital
St James's University Hospital
St John's Hospital
St Mary's Hospital (Isle of Wight)
St Mary's Hospital (Manchester)
St Michael's Hospital
St Peter's Hospital
Stepping Hill Hospital
Stoke Mandeville Hospital
Sunderland Royal Hospital
Tameside General Hospital
The Jessop Wing
The Portland Hospital
The Tunbridge Wells Hospital
Torbay Hospital
Ulster Hospital
University College Hospital
University Hospital Coventry
University Hospital Lewisham
University Hospital of North Durham
University Hospital of North Tees
University Hospital of Wales
Victoria Hospital (Blackpool)
Victoria Hospital (Kirkcaldy)
Warrington Hospital
Warwick Hospital
Watford General Hospital
West Cumberland Hospital
West Suffolk Hospital
Western Isles Hospital
Wexham Park Hospital
Whipps Cross University Trust Hospital
Whiston Hospital
Whittington Hospital
William Harvey Hospital
Wrexham Maelor Hospital
Wythenshawe Hospital
York Hospital
Ysbyty Gwynedd District General Hospital

Airedale General Hospital
Antrim Hospital
Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital
Bradford Royal Infirmary
Derriford Hospital
Frimley Park Hospital
Furness General Hospital
Glangwili General Hospital
Heartlands Hospital
James Paget University Hospital
Leicester General Hospital
Leicester Royal Infirmary
Newham General Hospital
Ninewells Hospital & Medical School
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
Northwick Park Hospital
Princess Elizabeth Hospital (Guernsey)
Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Gateshead)
Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (Glasgow)
Queen's Medical Centre
Royal Bolton Hospital
Royal Derby Hospital
Royal Hampshire County Hospital
St Helier Hospital
St Mary's Hospital (London)
The Great Western Hospital
University Hospital of North Midlands
Wishaw General Hospital
Worthing Hospital
Caithness General Hospital
Gilbert Bain Hospital
James Cook University Hospital
Nobles Hospital (Isle of Man)
Princess Royal University Hospital
Royal Oldham Hospital
Scarborough Hospital
St Richard's Hospital
Worcestershire Royal Hospital
Yeovil Women's Hospital
Birmingham Women's Hospital
Milton Keynes University Hospital
Princess Royal Maternity Hospital

Princess Royal Hospital
(Haywards Heath)
Royal London Hospital
Royal Sussex County Hospital
Russells Hall Hospital
The Hillingdon Hospital
West Middlesex University
Hospital

Star Reporters

We would like to thank **Felicity Pack** from **Lister Hospital** for returning the first completed data collection form for the PCD study and **Helen Richmond** from **Newham General Hospital** for getting reporting back on track.

Your edible goodies will be in the post very soon!



Final call for data collection forms!

The Peripartum Hysterectomy study has now ended and we are in the process of collating all the data.

There are still a number of data collection forms outstanding. Please can you check that you have completed and returned **all** case and control forms as soon as possible.

If you have returned a case form but the controls are still missing, please can you ensure that you identify the correct controls (the two women who delivered immediately before the case) and return the completed forms to us.

These data will contribute to an international study via INOSS (the International Network of Obstetric Surveillance Systems) so we want to ensure the dataset is as complete as possible.

If you have any questions please contact ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk.



Following the UKOSS office move a few months ago, please **do not** post anything to our previous address. The main UKOSS telephone (01865 617764) is now working again and can be called if you have any urgent questions, alternatively please email ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk and one of the team will respond to you as soon as possible.

Case Report Summary for Studies up until the end of June 2026

Study	Actual number of reported cases	Data collection forms returned	Number of forms returned that were found to be not cases / reported in error	Data Collection forms returned that are confirmed cases	Expected number of confirmed cases
Amniotic Fluid Embolism	461	444	173	272	257
HLH*	21	17	4	13	5
Peripartum hysterectomy – CASES (<i>study now ended</i>)	322	272	11	261	425
Peripartum hysterectomy – CONTROLS	N/A	494	N/A	N/A	N/A
Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia	8	6	4	2	43
Severe Respiratory Virus – RECOVERY & REMAP-CAP trials	37	37	35	2	214

*Haemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) or Macrophage Activation Syndrome (MAS)

Welcomes and Farewells

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to Kudzai Chinjekure as she has taken on a new role as Research Assistant at the Cancer Epidemiology Unit, University of Oxford. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role and thank her for her hard work and dedication to UKOSS over the last five years.



Please meet Emily Newton who has recently joined the team as UKOSS Administrative Assistant.

What does your new role involve?

My role as an Administrative Assistant for the UKOSS programme involves ensuring accurate data flows, inputting information into OpenClinica, and monitoring the collection of monthly reports and data forms. I also provide comprehensive administrative support to the programme, including managing email, telephone, and postal enquiries, responding to questions, and helping Melanie to ensure efficient day-to-day operations.

Can you give a brief overview of your career to date?

I graduated from the University of Birmingham with a degree in Biomedical Science and began my career in the NHS, where I worked as a GP Assistant providing both clinical and administrative support to healthcare professionals. In this role, I was responsible for a wide range of administrative duties, including conducting data audits, inputting and coding patient data, managing safeguarding administration, coordinating clinics, completing medical reports for clinicians, and more. I hope the experience I gained has provided a solid foundation for my current position and will support my professional development as I build my administrative skills further in this role.

How have you found your first few weeks working on UKOSS?

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks working on the UKOSS programme. It has been great to learn more about rare obstetric disorders and the important research being conducted by the programme. It has also been inspiring to see the level of collaboration involved and the large number of centres that contribute to the programme, which highlights the significant impact the programme has and the need for the ongoing research.

So far what do you enjoy most about your new role?

So far, I have particularly enjoyed learning about the different conditions we are currently collecting data for, and gaining an understanding of how diverse and complex all the individual cases are. I have also found it interesting to learn about the process of developing new data collection forms, including how they are reviewed and refined based on feedback to ensure they are as effective as possible. It's been really great to see the research process and the collaborative effort involved in developing the individual studies.

What do you think will be the biggest challenge in your new role?

I think the challenge so far has been learning all the new acronyms and medical terminology used within the department and the programme. It feels a bit like learning a whole new language, but I'm gradually becoming more familiar with it and enjoying expanding my knowledge along the way!

What are your interests/hobbies outside of your working life?

Outside of work, I enjoy reading, wild swimming, and knitting/crocheting - especially baby accessories! Last year I organised the donation of 97 handmade baby hats to John Radcliffe Hospital with help from friends, family, and colleagues.

GMC Revalidation and NMC Continuing Professional Development

We are aware that as part of your GMC revalidation or NMC Continual Professional Development, you are required to provide evidence of participation in national audit and research. If any UKOSS reporters would like to receive a certificate confirming their contribution to UKOSS, please email us at ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk and we will get one sent to you.



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