Bookings have been flying in, but we still have a few places available for our Study Day on Thursday 10th November. It would be great to have at least one representative from each centre so if you can’t come yourself please see if you can send someone else. The Study Day is RCM Accredited, free to attend and we also have bursaries (up to the value of £80) to help with travel/accommodation costs.

As well as hearing interim results from the Severe Obesity Study, you will be able to find out about next year’s study (more on page 4), network and share experiences with other UKMidSS reporters and the team, and contribute to the development of future UKMidSS studies. We also have a number of exciting speakers lined up:

- Dr Bill Kirkup, Chair of the Morecambe Bay Investigation, will talk about multi-disciplinary team-working
- Dr Beck Taylor from the University of Birmingham will be talking about improving discussions with ‘low risk’ women about place of birth
- Julie Frohlich, Consultant Midwife from Guy’s and St Thomas’, will talk about planning care for women who are ‘outwith guidelines’
- Dr Lucia Rocca-Inehacho, Lecturer in Midwifery at City University London, will introduce us to the Midwifery Unit Network

All UKMidSS reporters should have received an invitation to register for the Study Day. If you haven’t received this, or you are not a UKMidSS reporter and would like to attend the Study Day, please email faye.anderton@npeu.ox.ac.uk ASAP. We’re really looking forward to meeting you!

Our UKMidSS stars for June, July and August are: Ebba Lewis from Glangwili MLU in Carmarthen, Debbie Kitchen from St Michael’s Hospital in Bristol and Brittany Ogdin from the Burnley Birth Centre. All have worked really hard to get up to date with reporting and data entry.

Thanks and well done to all!

We’re very proud of all of our reporters, and very happy to say that our overall response rate to monthly reporting emails is 90%. No map this time, but topping our regional leader board is Scotland, with a 98% response rate, closely followed by South East Coast, Northern Ireland and South Central, all on 95%.

For those of you who have reported cases for the Severe Obesity Study, we have a special “Focus on Data Entry” on page 2.
Focus on... Data Entry on Cases and Controls

As you know, reporting your figures on admissions, births and ‘cases’ every month is only part of the role of a UKMidSS reporter. Every time you report a case for a UKMidSS Study we also ask you for more detailed data on that woman AND on two comparison women or ‘controls’.

As we come towards the end of the Severe Obesity Study we need to make sure that we have complete data on all cases and controls. Here’s a reminder of what to do and how to deal with some common problems.

How do we choose controls?

For the Severe Obesity study we ask you to identify the two women (with a BMI≤35kg/m² at booking) who were admitted to the midwifery unit immediately before each case.

I’ve reported a case and identified the controls – what do I do now?

1. Record the Case ID (the number beginning SO which is automatically generated when you report a case) for each case in your UKMidSS folder alongside identifying details for the case and controls.
2. Retrieve the notes or electronic records for the case and the controls.
3. Log into OpenClinica using the link in the email that confirms your monthly report figures and enter the data, following instructions in the Guide in your folder and on our website https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukmidss/reporters

I can’t find my OpenClinica log-in details

No problem, please email us on ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk and we’ll reset your password.

I’ve entered data on my cases – why do I keep getting reminders saying my data entry isn’t complete?

There are a couple of reasons why this might happen. First, please check that you have entered data about the case AND both controls for each case. We don’t consider data entry to be complete until we have data on the case and both controls.

If you have entered all the data for the case and both controls, but the icons for the forms in OpenClinica are amber like this ☹ you need to go into the form, go to Section 6 and tick the box □ Mark CRF Complete and then click Save. This will turn the icon green ✔ which tells us that the form is complete.

I’m a bit behind with data entry – is there a deadline?

Our last monthly report request for the Severe Obesity Study will go out on 1st January 2017, asking for December’s figures. We will then be working to get all monthly reports in and all data on cases and controls complete as quickly as possible so we can start analysing the data and get the results published. To avoid a last-minute backlog at this late stage, please try your best to stay up to date during the study period, and catch up on any outstanding data entry sooner rather than later. If you’re having problems, please get in touch with us as soon as possible on ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk
UKMidSS Data Entry League Table

We've had 766 cases reported for the Severe Obesity Study and data entry is coming along nicely. So far, we have complete data entered for 477 cases and their associated controls, and there are a further 97 cases where some data have been entered.

We have around 25% of cases where data entry has not yet been started so we need a big push to get these data entered as we move towards the end of the study.

Here we've ranked everyone from those who are keeping up to date, through units who've made a good start, to those who have some catching up to do.

How are you doing compared to everyone else?

Northumbria Birthing Centre
Midwife Led Birth Suite, Royal Bolton Hospital
Burnley Birth Centre, Burnley General Hospital
Preston Birth Centre, Royal Preston Hospital
Airedale Birthing Centre, Airedale General Hospital
Alongside Maternity Unit, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
AMU Midwifery Unit, Ayrshire Maternity Unit,
The Birth Place, Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham
Birthing Centre, Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health
Haven Birthing Suite, Poole Hospital
Willow Suite at Basildon University Hospital
Broadlands Birth Centre, Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton
Oasis Birthing Centre, Princess Royal University Hospital
Stockport Birth Centre, Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport
Birthing Unit, East Surrey Hospital, Redhill
Birthing Unit, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
Lucina Birth Centre, University Hospital, Coventry
St Peter’s MLU, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital
Maiden Suite, Kingston Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Newham Hospital
Birth Centre, Aspen Ward, Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford
Primrose Midwifery-led Birthing Suite, Hitchingbrooke Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Singleton Hospital, Swansea
Community Maternity Unit, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley
Derby Birth Centre, Royal Derby Hospital
Rushey Birth Centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading
Midwife Birth Centre, Royal Stoke University Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Scarborough General Hospital
Barnet Birth Centre, Barnet Hospital
Tair Afon Birth Centre, Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr
Birthing Unit, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow
EGA Birth Centre, University College Hospital, London
Abbey Birth Centre, St Peter’s Hospital, Chertsey
Brook Birth Centre, Ipswich Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge
Newcastle Birthing Centre, Royal Victoria Infirmery, Newcastle
Birth Centre, St Helier Hospital, Carshalton
Midwifery-led Unit, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport
Mulberry Birth Centre, Frimley Park Hospital
Calderdale Birth Centre, Calderdale Royal Hospital
Singleton Midwife-led Unit, William Harvey Hospital, Ashford
Midwifery Led Unit, St Michael’s Hospital, Bristol
Midwife Led Birthing Unit, Peterborough City Hospital
Mary Rose Birth Centre, Queen Alexandra Hospital
Home from Home, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford
Serenity Birth Centre, City Hospital, Birmingham
Birth Centre, North Middlesex Hospital

Birth Centre, Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow
Rosie Birth Centre, The Rosie Hospital
Midwifery Led Unit, St Mary’s Hospital, Manchester
Midwife Led Unit, Leighton Hospital, Crewe
Orchard Birth Centre, Leicester Royal Infirmary
Aylesbury Birth Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury
Birth Centre, Wythenshawe Hospital
Exeter Low Risk Birth Unit, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital
Midwifery Led Unit, South West Acute Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy
Home from Home Unit, Ulster Hospital, Belfast
Birth Unit, Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Jessop Wing
Bradford Birth Centre, Bradford Royal Infirmery
Eden Suite, Wirral Women and Children’s Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Liverpool Women’s Hospital
Midwifery Led Birthing Unit, Luton & Dunstable Hospital
Oxford Spires Midwifery-led Unit, The John Radcliffe Hospital
Juno Suite, Colchester General Hospital
Barratt Birth Centre, Northampton General Hospital
Birth Centre, Whittington Hospital, Highgate
Midwife Led Birth Centre, The Royal Oldham Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Lister Hospital, Stevenage
Meadow Birth Centre, Worcestershire Royal Hospital
Tirion Birth Centre, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrissant
Home from Home Birth Centre, St Thomas’ Hospital
Birth Centre, Queen Charlotte’s and Chelsea Hospital
Chichester Birth Centre, St Richard’s Hospital, Chichester
Dolphin Suite, James Paget University Hospital, Great Yarmouth
Greenwich Birth Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich
Lewisham Birth Centre, University Hospital, Lewisham
Meadows Birth Centre, Leicester General Hospital
Carmen Suite, St George’s Hospital, Tooting
Midwifery Led Unit, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
Midwife Led Unit, Wrexham Maelor Hospital
Birth Centre, Wrexham Park Hospital, Slough
Midwifery Led Birth Unit, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
Midwife Led Unit, Ysbyty Gwynedd
Birthing Unit, Broomfield Hospital
Midwife Led Unit, Glan Clwyd Hospital, Rhy!
Midwifery-led Unit, Craigavon Area Hospital
Birth Centre, Croydon University Hospital
Bluebell Birth Centre, North Manchester General Hospital
White Horse Birth Centre, The Great Western Hospital, Swindon
Midwifery Led Unit, Attnagelvin Area Hospital
Natural Birth Centre, West Middlesex University Hospital

Please get in touch if you need help!
Out and About with UKMidSS

We’ve written a blog about UKMidSS for the Midwifery Unit Network. You can read it here [http://www.midwiferyunitnetwork.com/blog/2016/ukmidss](http://www.midwiferyunitnetwork.com/blog/2016/ukmidss)

Rachel will be in Harrogate at the RCM Annual Conference on 19th and 20th October presenting a poster on the UKMidSS Severe Obesity Study. If you’ll be at the conference too please come and say hello!

And looking ahead… In June next year Rachel will be travelling to Toronto to present results of the Severe Obesity Study at the 31st ICM Triennial Congress. Exciting times!

Your photos

Thanks to all of our UKMidSS reporters who sent us photos from their units. We’re very grateful, and we’ll be using them in our newsletters and on our website.

UKMidSS Neonatal Admission Study

The UKMidSS Neonatal Admission Study will start on 1st January 2017. Your reporting email on 1st February will ask you to report on cases for this new study. We will be sending out the protocol for the Neonatal Admission Study soon, but in the meantime, so you can start thinking about how you will identify cases for this study, here’s a very brief summary:

**Aim:** This study aims to identify maternal characteristics and aspects of care during labour, birth and the immediate postnatal period which are associated with admission to neonatal care, stillbirth or early neonatal death, with a view to preventing avoidable neonatal morbidity in future.

**Study period:** 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017

**Case definition:** Any woman who gives birth in an AMU and whose baby:

- Is admitted to neonatal care (neonatal intensive care, high dependency care or special care) within 48 hours of birth or before discharge home, whichever is sooner

**OR**

- Is stillborn or dies within 48 hours of birth without admission to neonatal care.

Volunteers needed!

Can you help us pilot the Neonatal Admission form? Over the next few weeks we need three or four centres to help us test the form for next year’s study. This will involve logging in to a test OpenClinica site, completing a couple of forms and giving us some feedback.

Contact us on ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk ASAP if you’d like to help.

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