I have an idea for a new UKOSS study, what do I do next?

UKOSS conducts a rolling programme of studies and we are continually open to ideas for new study topics, we therefore welcome study proposals from all clinicians and other researchers. We ask that all studies fulfil three or more of the following criteria:

1. The condition is an important cause of maternal or perinatal morbidity and/or mortality.
2. The condition is an uncommon disorder of pregnancy, thus inclusion within the study programme of UKOSS will not impose too great a burden on reporting clinicians [usually no more than one case per 2000 births annually in the UK (approximately 300 cases per year in total)].
3. The research questions posed by the study can be suitably addressed using the UKOSS methodology (prospective descriptive, cohort or case-control studies).
4. Other sources of information exist to enhance and/ or assess completeness of data collection.

UKOSS will consider a UKOSS study component being included as part of larger multi-centre grant applications (such as NIHR grant applications) to run parallel with the other streams of work.

All applications are submitted to the UKOSS Steering Committee for approval via a two-stage application process. There is an investigator’s fee of around £20,000 per study (a funder-specific costing will be undertaken) and applicants will be expected to obtain funding before the study commences. Further details regarding the application process can be found at https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/downloads/files/ukoss/instructions/UKOSS%20Study%20Application%20Guide%20Version%206.0_Jan%202019.pdf.

If you or any of your colleagues would like to approach UKOSS with an idea or have any questions at all regarding new UKOSS studies then please do not hesitate to email ukoss@npeu.ox.ac.uk.

Reminder to return forms

Thank you to everyone for continuing to complete the monthly reports. The average monthly report return rate for the whole of 2018 was 98.6% which is fantastic!

We would love the form return rates to match this. We understand that it can take time locating and requesting hospital notes but we would be grateful if you could endeavour to return completed data collection forms to us as soon as you can.

Extension to the Cirrhosis study

The UKOSS Steering Committee have approved a 12 month extension to the Cirrhosis in pregnancy study. The new end date is 31st May 2020.

- Interview with a UKOSS Reporter and member of the Steering Committee
- Vacancy on the UKOSS Steering Committee
Thanks to the following hospitals who have returned reports for March, April and May 2019:

- Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
- Altnagelvin Area Hospital
- Antirn Hospital
- Arrowe Park Hospital
- Ayshire Maternity Unit
- Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Basildon Hospital
- Bedford Hospital
- Birmingham Women’s Hospital
- Borders General Hospital
- Bronglais Hospital
- Broomfield Hospital
- Calderdale Royal Hospital
- Chesterfield & North Derbyshire Royal Hospital
- City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Trust
- Countess of Chester Hospital
- Craigavon Area Hospital
- Cumberland Infirmary
- Daisy Hill Hospital
- Darent Valley Hospital
- Darlington Memorial Hospital
- Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Denford Hospital
- Doncaster Royal Infirmary
- Dorset County Hospital
- Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary
- East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
- Epsom General Hospital
- Forth Valley Royal Hospital
- Furness General Hospital
- George Eliot Hospital
- Glan Clwyd District General Hospital
- Good Hope Hospital
- Harrogate District Hospital
- Hinchingbrooke Hospital NHS Trust
- Homerton University Hospital
- Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Ipswich Hospital
- James Cook University Hospital
- James Paget University Hospitals Trust
- Kettering General Hospital
- King’s Mill Hospital
- Kingston Hospital
- Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
- Lancashire Women and Newborn Centre
- Leicester Royal Infirmary
- Leighton Hospital
- Lincoln County Hospital
- Lister Hospital
- Luton & Dunstable Hospital
- Manor Hospital
- Medway Maritime Hospital
- Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Musgrove Park Hospital
- Nevill Hall Hospital
- New Cross Hospital
- Newham General Hospital
- Nobles Hospital
- North Devon District Hospital
- North Manchester General Hospital
- North Middlesex University Hospital
- Northampton General Hospital
- Northumbria Specialist Emergency Hospital
- Nottingham City Hospital
- Peterborough City Hospital
- Pinderfields General Hospital
- Princess Anne Hospital
- Princess Royal Maternity Hospital
- Princess Royal University Hospital
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead
- Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital
- Queen’s Hospital, Romford
- Queen’s Medical Centre
- Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
- Royal Alexandra Hospital
- Royal Berks Hospital
- Royal Cornwall Hospital
- Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital
- Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal Glamorgan Hospital
- Royal Victoria Infirmary
- Russells Hall Hospital
- Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust
- Scarborough Hospital
- Singleton Centre for Reproductive Health
- Singleton Hospital
- South West Acute Hospital
- Southend University Hospital NHS FT
- St George’s Hospital
- St Helier Hospital
- St James’s University Hospital
- St John’s Hospital
- St Mary’s Hospital, Newport
- St Peter’s Hospital
- St Richard’s Hospital
- Stoke Mandeville Hospital
- The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- The Jessop Wing, Sheffield
- The Portland Hospital
- Torbay Hospital
- University Hospital Lewisham
- University Hospital of Coventry & Warwickshire
- University Hospital of North Durham
- Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy
- Warwick Hospital
- West Cumberland Hospital
- West Middlesex University Hospital
- West Suffolk Hospital
- West Wales General Hospital
- Western Isles Hospital
- Wrexham Park Hospital
- Whiston Hospital
- Whittington Hospital
- William Harvey Hospital
- Wishaw General Hospital
- Worthing Hospital
- Wrexham Maelor Hospital
- Wythenshawe Hospital
- Yeovil Women’s Hospital
- York Hospital
- Ysbyty Gwynedd District General Hospital
- Birmingham Heartlands Hospital
- Bradford Royal Infirmary
- Causeway Hospital
- Colchester General Hospital
- Croydon University Hospital
- Diana Princess of Wales Hospital
- Jersey General Hospital
- King’s College Hospital
- Leicester General Hospital
- Liverpool Women’s Hospital
- Ninewells Hospital & Medical School
- Northwick Park Hospital
- Pilgrim Hospital
- Poole Hospital
- Prince Charles Hospital
- Princess Alexandra Hospital
- Princess Elizabeth Hospital
- Princess of Wales Hospital
- Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath
- Princess Royal Hospital, Telford
- Queen Alexandra Hospital
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich
- Raigmore Hospital
- Royal Free Hospital
- Royal Gwent Hospital
- Royal Jubilee Maternity Service
- Royal Lancaster Infirmary
- Royal Surrey County Hospital
- Royal Sussex County Hospital
- Royal United Hospital
- Salisbury District Hospital
- Scunthorpe General Hospital
- St Mary’s Hospital, Manchester
- Stepping Hill Hospital
- Tameside General Hospital
- The Tunbridge Wells Hospital
- Ulster Hospital
- Victoria Hospital, Blackpool
- Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS FT
- Watesville District General Hospital
- East Surrey Hospital
- Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
- Macclesfield District General Hospital
- Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
- Rosie Maternity Hospital
- Royal Bolton Hospital
- Royal London Hospital
- The Hallingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- University College Hospital
- University Hospital of North Midlands
- University Hospital of North Tees
- Worcestershire Royal Hospital
- Airedale General Hospital
- Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
- Frimley Park Hospital
- Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital
- Hereford County Hospital
- John Radcliffe Hospital
- Leeds General Infirmary
- North Hampshire Hospital
- Queen Charlotte’s and Chelsea Hospital
- Queen’s Hospital, Burton-on-Trent
- Rotherham District General Hospital
- Royal Hampshire County Hospital
- Royal Oldham Hospital
- South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust
- Southern General Hospital
- Southmead Hospital
- Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust
- St Mary’s Hospital, London
- St Michael’s Hospital
- University Hospital of Wales
- Watford General Hospital
- Whips Cross University Trust Hospital

Returned all three reports. Returned two reports. Returned one report. No reports returned.
Please keep us informed of any reporter changes in your hospital

It is important that we keep all our contacts up to date and have an accurate list of all reporters in each hospital, particularly now that reporting is completed via email. Therefore, please can we remind you to let us know in advance if you are leaving the trust, changing jobs, retiring or merely handing over UKOSS reporting to a colleague so that we can update our database accordingly. If you are able to inform us who will be taking over your role of UKOSS reporter (including their name, job title and email address) we would be extremely grateful. Thank you!

Chocolate Box

Chocolates this month go to Dr Sarah Davies, Lancashire Women and Newborn Centre and Ms Nicola Griffin, Peterborough City Hospital for prompt return of data collection forms.

Many thanks to you both!

Case report summary for current studies up until the end of June 2019

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We are currently advertising for a Welsh Representative on our Steering Committee

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Claire Williams, Consultant Anaesthetist, gives us an insight into her role as UKOSS Lead Reporter at The Rosie Hospital, Cambridge

I was appointed as a Consultant Obstetric Anaesthetist in February 2011 at Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. In 2016 I became the lead UKOSS Reporter for the Rosie Hospital, taking over from the high risk midwifery team. When a position was advertised last year for an anaesthetist to join the UKOSS steering committee I thought I would have a go and was delighted to be successful.

At CUHFT we have an electronic patient record which makes completion of data collection forms relatively straightforward but as you all know identifying the reportable patients in the first place is the tricky challenge! I send out a monthly email to all staff at The Rosie (not forgetting the community midwives), some months I remind everyone of the current studies and attach one of the UKOSS posters from the website. If it is newsletter month I send that around as lots of my colleagues like to check I have done my monthly returns and when a new study is launched I circulate the details of that. I encourage colleagues to report any case they think might fit a study and check the patient records against the inclusion criteria myself; I prefer cases to be over-reported so that I don’t miss anything and with electronic records it is fairly quick for me to do so myself.

As a tertiary centre we are fortunate to have excellent support of specialist clinicians and midwives and have many sub-specialty maternal medicine clinics. For example with the recent start of the Diabetic Ketoacidosis study I was able to contact our specialist diabetes midwife and diabetologist, the diabetes team have a monthly MDT and are confident they capture all pregnant women with DKA and will be able to inform me of all cases. This approach works very well for studies that involve one medical team and I have made the same links with the Pregnancy Heart Clinic for the Fontan and Pregnancy Study and our specialist epilepsy nurse has been incredibly helpful with a recent epilepsy study.

As an anaesthetist working regularly on delivery suite and managing our Obstetric Close Observation Unit I find I get to hear about women with significant peripartum complications and have had no difficulties in being informed of all the patients with high neuraxial block. What I find most challenging as a UKOSS reporter is capturing women who do not have care on delivery suite or where case reporting extends beyond the immediate postpartum phase. The recent near-miss suicide in pregnancy study has been a good example of that but after a few conversations with my intensive care colleagues I was put in touch with the trust Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre (ICNARC) coordinator and they have been very helpful in providing me with information on all ICU/HDU admissions in pregnant or recently pregnant women. ICNARC doesn’t always capture full clinical details but with a short list of hospital numbers I have been able to do a manual check of reason for admission. You may find that many departments in your hospital maintain their own patient databases that hold the information you require. I was also sure to contact my colleagues in the Emergency Department for the near-miss suicide study as it is always worth considering a woman’s route of admission to hospital, especially where she may bypass the delivery suite.

I feel an important part of data collection is feeding back to my colleagues the incredibly useful information we get via UKOSS so I circulate any new studies or publications. I have just written my first piece for The Rosie Hospital Newsletter and aim to contribute to that regularly as a way of raising the awareness of UKOSS. If you have any other hints and tips I am sure the UKOSS team would be very grateful to hear them.

Now if I could just get my obstetricians to report all their impacted fetal head cases…

And finally… linked to the UKOSS DKA in Pregnancy Study. Do you have questions about diabetes and pregnancy?

We are starting a new James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership.

If you have any interest, worries or experiences in pregnancy with diabetes of any type, we want to hear your questions. This can be anything about the time before, during or after pregnancy with diabetes of any type e.g. type 1, type 2, MODY, gestational diabetes etc.


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