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London Maternity Strategic Network launches Best Practice Guidance for London Trusts

What is London Maternity Strategic Clinical Network (SCN) and what do they do?

SCNs came into being in April 2013 and exist to provide expert clinical advice to commissioners to bring about large scale improvements in healthcare to a defined population.

As Co-Clinical Director Maternity SCN, NHS England (London Region), Donna Ockenden, was instrumental in the development of these guides and fully supports this important initiative across the London network.

The overarching aim is to reduce variation in outcomes and experience of care for women and their babies in London by increasing satisfaction, improving quality and using resources more effectively.

The London Maternity SCN is the only one in England to have a midwife and obstetrician as co-clinical directors. Professor Donald Peebles is an obstetrician who works at UCLH and Donna Ockenden, the directors are supported by a dedicated, committed project team from NHS England (London region).

The best practice toolkits.

The toolkits have been produced as part of the strategy to identify areas of good practice for implementation across the maternity units in the capital, ensuring good outcomes for all pregnant women and their babies.

- [Maternity user experience film: 'In their shoes'](#)
- [Maternity experience workshop: A guide based on the learning from the London pilot workshops' Whose shoes'](#)
- [Increasing the number of births at home and in midwifery led units](#)
- [Increasing the number of women who receive continuity of care](#)

All the toolkits can be viewed on the Other Resources page of Donna Ockenden's website.