

Donna Ockenden

The London Maternity Clinical Leadership Group (CLG) is a forum of multi-professional clinicians, managers and service users from across all care settings linked to maternity care. It was established in order to make strategic recommendations for the delivery of maternity care under the auspices of the London Maternity CN in conjunction with commissioners and service users.

The Maternity CN have produced a number of best practice toolkits to assist provider units and commissioners to share learning from other units and improve maternity services across London. All of the toolkits are evidence-based and include case studies to provide examples of successful implementation. The toolkits and further information can be found on the website:

<http://www.londonscn.nhs.uk/networks/maternity-childrens/maternity/>

Donna said of her time as Co-Chair, 'I have hugely enjoyed my time at the London Maternity Network SCN, it's been an honour and a delight to have worked so closely with Professor Donald Peebles and the wider circle of health care professionals on such challenging and critical areas of maternity care. The developments and impact we have made over the last four years has been down to the dedication, commitment and hard work from so many people. I am very proud of the positive progress, which in turn benefits those who matter most – the mothers and their babies receiving Maternity care.

I wish everyone connected with all of the many initiatives the very best for the future and thank you for the support I have received whilst in my position'

Professor Donald Peebles said of Donna

“After more than four years of successfully providing a passionate and ambitious midwifery perspective in her role as Co Clinical Director for the London Maternity Clinical Network, I am sad to that Donna Ockenden will be stepping down as of June 2017. For me it has been a real delight to work with such a dedicated, energetic and fun person and has gone a long way to ensuring a genuinely multidisciplinary approach to improving **London's** maternity services. She has undoubtedly been instrumental in helping to create a vision to improve the quality and experience of care across London. She has given great warmth in delivering this role, and helped partners to establish fantastic connections to improve outcomes for women, babies and their families. Donna had led the Network in establishing the Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Working group, and developed an expert panel to support investigations as well as a thematic review of deaths with an annual report and work plan for London. She leaves a wonderful legacy, ready to embrace the future as described in Better Births.

I thank Donna her for the huge contribution that she has made to improving maternity services in London. I for one will miss her enormously. “

The position of Co Clinical Director for the London Maternity Clinical Network has been filled by Philippa Cox, a consultant midwife with Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust with more than 20 years of experience.

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