## News

## Donna Ockenden

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Donna Ockenden is delighted to be involved (as co-chair of London SCN) with the launch of an all England maternity bereavement toolkit. The toolkit has been developed in partnership with parents, NHS England, the London Maternity Clinical Network, SANDS, bereavement midwives, chaplains and obstetricians. It's launch will help clinical staff to ask the difficult questions as to whether the maternity bereavement service they offer is meeting the needs of parents and families.

There is currently no consistent way to capture the voices of bereaved parents. But this will soon change. Discussions will provide practical application from a broad representation of professionals from across the maternity services spectrum. An interactive session will focus on implementation of the toolkit, including adaptation and use at local level.

Midwives, Student Midwives, MSW's and anyone from the multi professional team involved in the support of (and care provision to) bereaved parents are welcome to register for a place. To reserve your place, register online at: <a href="mailto:mbem-launch.eventbrite.co.uk">mbem-launch.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

The official launch will take place on Thursday 22nd June 2017, 11.00 – 16.00 at The Kia Oval, England Suite, Surrey County Cricket Club, Harleyford St, London, SE11 5SS.

All delegates will receive printed copies of the toolkit and the accompanying parent feedback questionnaire. Lunch and networking opportunities will be offered at 12:30.

Donna and the team hope to see as many people as possible at the event to help support roll out of this toolkit across England. Any questions please contact Questions may be directed to the London Clinical Network core team via email, <a href="mailto:england.london-scn@nhs.net">england.london-scn@nhs.net</a>

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