

Headlines: March 2016**1. Postnatal working group**

First meeting planned for 6th April 2016 and priority work areas will be agreed at this meeting

2. Maternal Morbidity and Mortality

Ongoing recruitment to external panel members, ongoing review panels using RCA template and commenced analysis of 2015 maternal death cases for annual report to be published in July 2016 and sharing/learning event to be held on the 8th September 2016. Invitations to maternity workforce in London will be sent out soon. Abstract submitted for National Patient Safety Awards in July 2016

3. Perinatal mental health

Consultation circulated for input by maternity colleagues into development of a PMH service specification. Clinical leads continuing to meet regularly and encouragement to maternity colleagues to become involved in the three local perinatal mental health networks.

4. Toolkit annual survey

Annual survey to measure outcomes of toolkit implementation across units in London to support SCN work streams rolled out in January 2016. Combined with survey request to update progress with implementation of all toolkits at unit level – to be led by 5 local maternity networks. Update report and analysis to be completed during April 2016 and presented at Outcomes meeting in March 2016

5. Core maternity dataset

Pan-London maternity data subgroup meeting held 9th March 2016 to further develop the pan-London maternity dashboard. Representation from all 5 local maternity networks and draft dashboard produced and awaiting sign-off. Integrate recent RCOG definitions published for final version

6. Stillbirth

Stillbirth working group meeting held 14th March 2016 – successful poster presentation to promote the London work for the MBRRACE launch in May 2016. Randomisation for DESIGN trial almost agreed and anticipated randomisation soon. The London Maternity SCN would like to thank you for your patience whilst this has been developed.

7. User experience

Combine the findings and recommendations from the national maternity review and MBRRACE reports to define future work. Pan-London focus for the #MatExp Challenge bids to support innovation in user experience, supported by the SCN and joint bids to be submitted.

8. Continuity of care audit

First audit completed and report of findings to be published and shared during March 2016.

9. National maternity review published

Action planning around the recommendations of the national maternity review published 23rd February 2016 underway. Links with five local networks and commissioners essential in addressing the recommendations.

10. Recent successes in London

A briefing is currently being developed to celebrate the recent London units RCM Awards and #MatChallenge funding bid successes, alongside the SCN poster presentation and other awards. This will be circulated in early April 2016 as we do not celebrate our successes enough!

Key Milestones (next 3 months)

Progress with delivery of working group outputs

Milestone
➤ Publish Early access to maternity services guidance after extensive consultation – April 2016
➤ Maternity SCN team presentation at Clinical Senate 21 st April 2016
➤ Full plans for 2016 work programme on completion of consultation and clear plan for the future of Strategic Clinical Networks – April 2016
➤ Maternity data sub group to continue development of pan-London maternity dashboard and disseminate to five local networks
➤ First meeting of the postnatal working group – 6 th April 2016
➤ Further development of agreed data definitions for midwife:birth ratio and Consultant presence on labour ward – April 2016

Clinical Director visits to Trust

A programme of visits by Donald Peebles and Donna Ockenden has commenced and will continue during 2016

Rolling programme of visits – if units would like to have a visit from the team, please contact Caroline Moren – carolinemoren@nhs.net