

# Clinical Indicators Project

» The Clinical Indicators Project aims to develop clinically relevant, methodologically robust performance indicators for obstetric and gynaecological care using currently available data. This information will be used to inform quality improvement initiatives and enable comparative benchmarking of women's health services across the UK.

The first Clinical Indicators Report, which highlighted the level of national variation in maternity care using 2011/2012 data, was published in May 2013. Feedback suggests that the results were used as a tool for reflecting on local team performance and local data quality issues. RCOG Council recognises this work as a vitally important area of focus for the College and the report has been drawn upon by many other organisations including the Care Quality Commission, the Health and Social Care Information Centre and the National Audit Office.

Due to a significant delay in receiving the Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) data on which the indicators are based, we were unable to produce an updated report using 2012/2013 data as originally planned. However, the College's Lindsay Stewart Centre is now working on producing the second report using the most recent (2013/2014) data. We plan to publish this report, including updates to previous indicators and the addition of several new indicators, towards the end of 2015. This report will include results on a named hospital basis, unlike the previous report which was anonymous. Individual trusts will be able to review the results for their hospital(s) prior to publication (via their Clinical Director), and will be asked to submit a commentary that will be published alongside the results.

For further information about the Clinical Indicators Project, please email [clinicalindicators@rcog.org.uk](mailto:clinicalindicators@rcog.org.uk).

# Patient Safety Day

» The third Women's Health Patient Safety Day will be held at the RCOG on 16 October 2015. The event is an opportunity to learn from those who are leading on patient safety issues and to share experiences with those who've been involved in patient safety issues from both sides.

Attendees will hear examples of how patient safety can be improved for women using our services, along with a presentation from Dr Kirkup on the lessons to be learnt from Morecambe Bay.

Aimed at O&G consultants, including clinical and medical directors and other healthcare professionals involved in women's health, the event is an opportunity to find out about the latest patient safety initiatives and how to embed them into your own clinical practice and unit(s).

To find out more and to book your place please visit:



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# each baby COUNTS.

## Project update

» The Each Baby Counts quality improvement programme has begun its data collection phase and we're delighted to report that 100% of NHS maternity units have now signed up to participate through their nominated Lead Reporters. We are truly impressed with the level of enthusiasm and engagement shown by the profession for this important project.

The reporting of cases using our secure, online platform is progressing well and we have a number of training resources available for Lead Reporters to assist them with using the system. However, following feedback from users, we have also made some improvements to the system, for example allowing units to easily notify us of babies who are transferred to neighbouring units for neonatal care. We have also

started cross-checking the cases reported on the system against other sources of national data and we will be prompting individual units to review any notifiable cases that have not already been reported to us. This is an important aspect of the Each Baby Counts project as we are aiming to have 100% ascertainment of cases from across the UK within the first year.

Towards the end of July we will be hosting the second meeting of our Independent Advisory Group. We have a full agenda for this meeting, which will include the results of our initial analysis of cases, as well as our systematic review. Look out for a preliminary findings report of the initial cases submitted to Each Baby Counts, which we are aiming to publish later in 2015.



Over the last few months we have also been busy presenting at regional meetings across the UK. We have now visited nearly all of the regions and have been impressed with the level of interest and support for the project.

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