

Welcome

Maternity and Children Quality Improvement Collaborative (MCQIC) Perinatal Webinar Series

Building Perinatal Teams

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Welcome and introduction

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Aims of the webinar

Bringing together ALL members of the multidisciplinary team involved in the care of pregnant women and newborns. The webinar will provide the opportunity to:

- hear more about the concept of perinatal teams and the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration in improving outcomes
- learn from a highly successful perinatal team as we hear from the PERIPrem Project Team, and
- explore the exciting new preterm perinatal wellbeing package resource.

The team here today



Building a perinatal team to support preterm optimisation

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Building Successful Perinatal Optimisation Teams: Improving Team Culture and the Quality Context

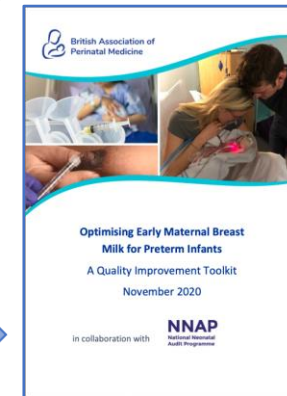
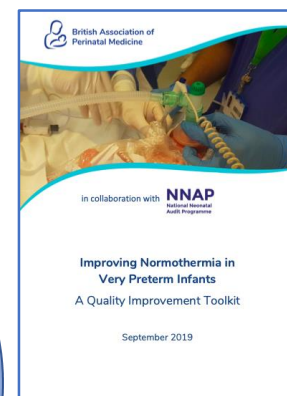
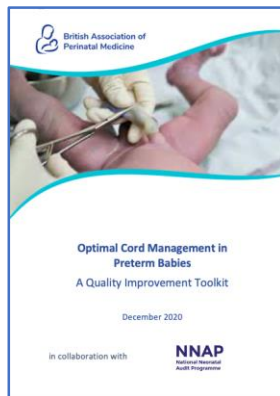
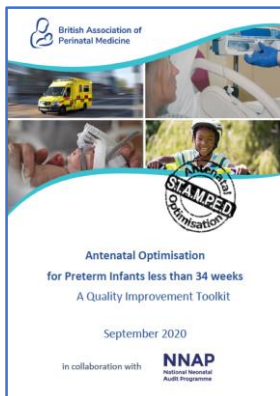
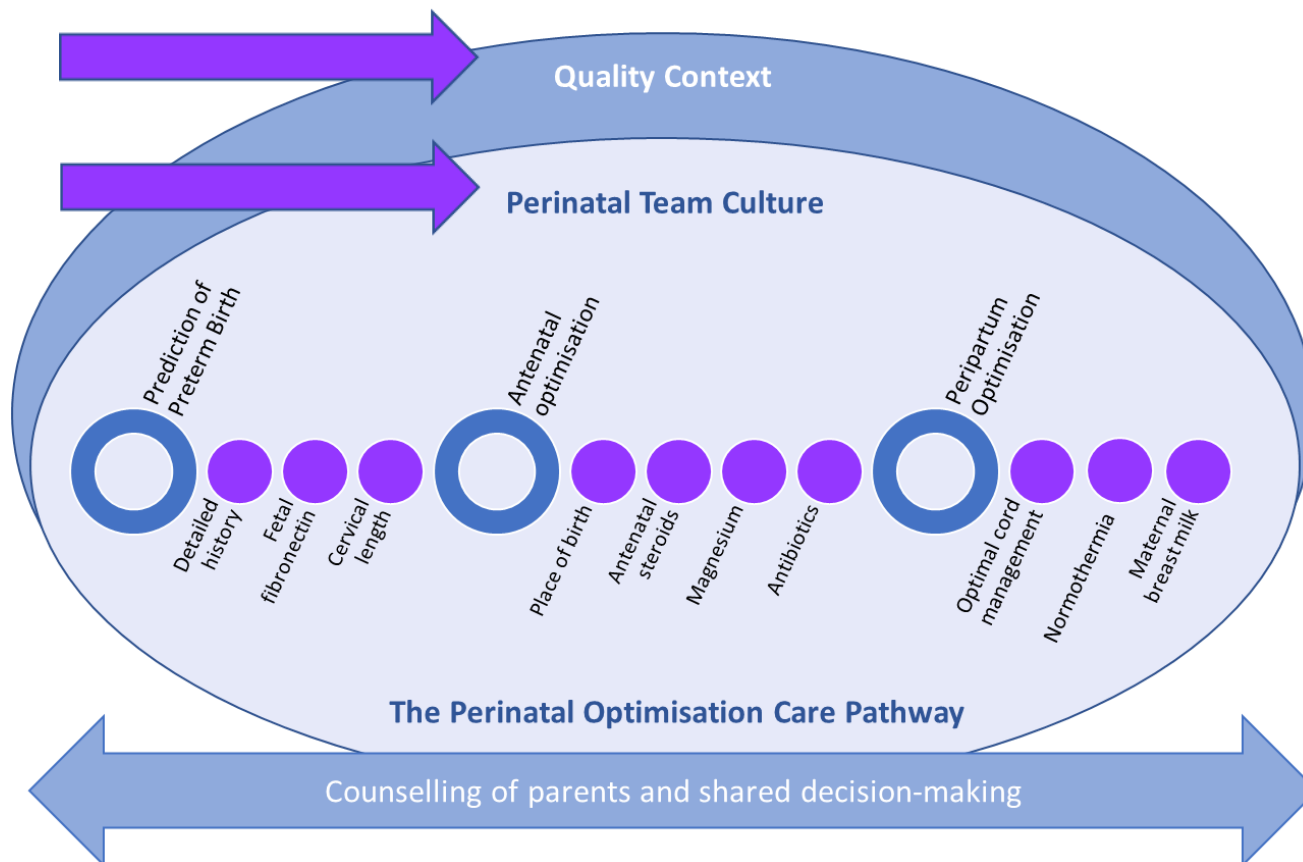
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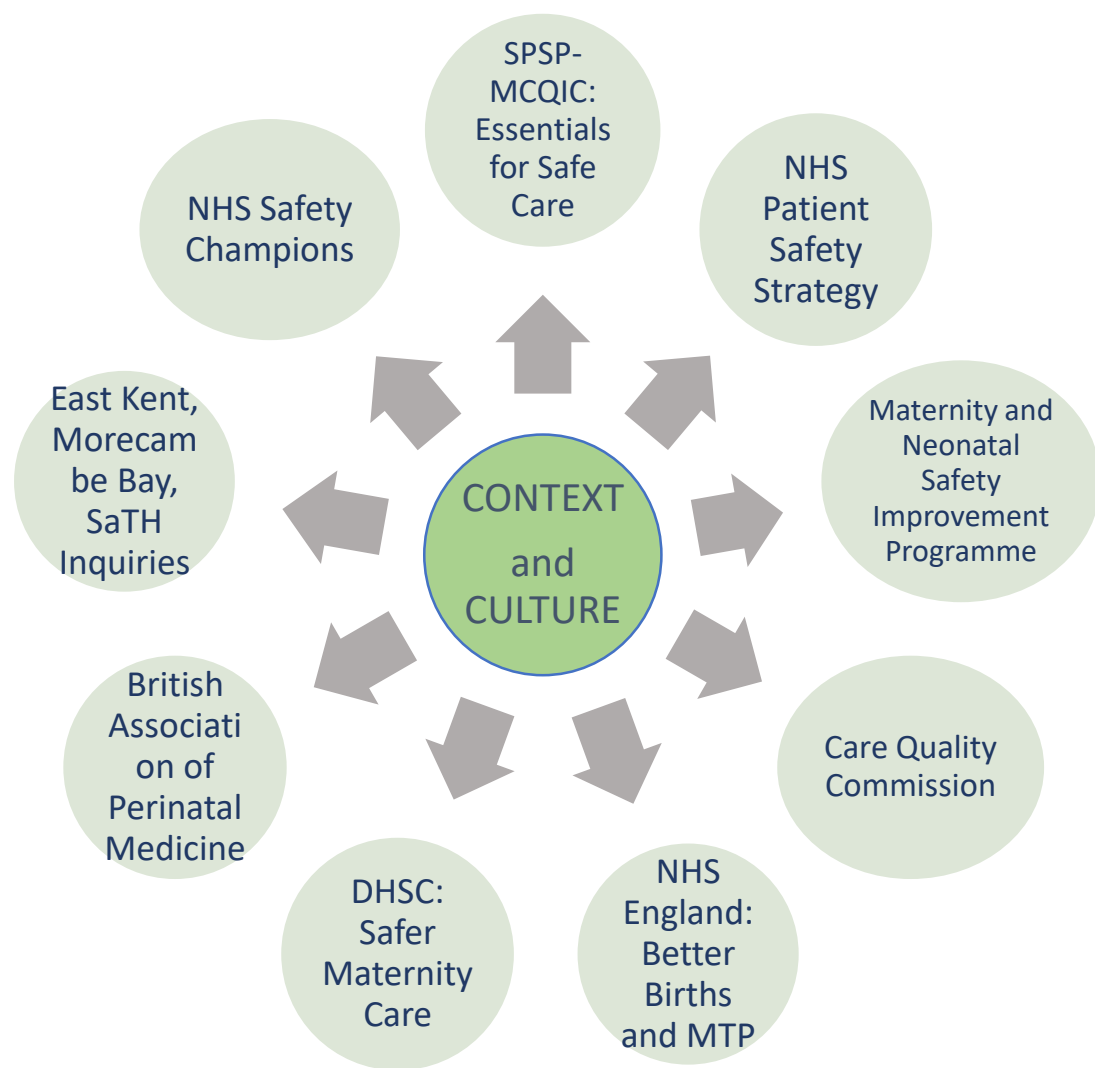
National Patient Safety
Improvement Programmes

Maternity
and Neonatal

The Perinatal Optimisation Care Pathway



National drivers for improving culture and context



Recommendations

- Listening to patients, being compassionate, ensuring shared decision-making
- Improving standard of investigations with implementation of action plans
- Establishing clinical leadership and leadership in patient safety and quality
- Multidisciplinary training across teams and sites and within networks
- Fostering skill in managing complexity, care pathways, risk assessment
- Optimising teamworking: silo working, tribalism and poor behaviours

Reading the signals

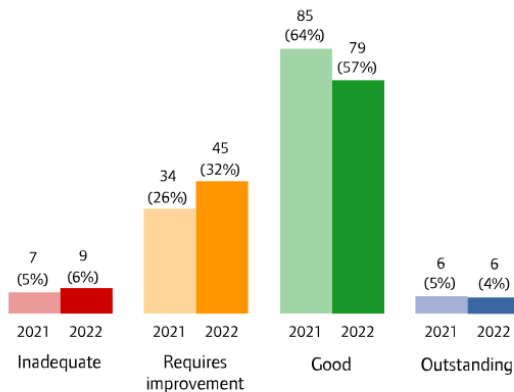
It is vital that the lessons, now plain to see, are learnt and acted upon, not least by other Trusts, which must not believe that “it could not happen here”. If those lessons are not acted upon, we are destined sooner or later to add again to the roll of names

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NHS TRUST

Dr Bill Kirkup CBE

National drivers for improving culture and context

Maternity Core Service Ratings
July 2021 and July 2022 (cqc.org.uk)



Culture

‘the way *people think* around here’

‘the way *things are done* around here’

intangible

nebulous

complex

deeply ingrained

multi-level

slow to change

hard to change



Perinatal Optimisation Culture

Multiple inter-related sub-teams

Care of woman and baby

Prolonged episodes of care

Complex care pathways

Different departmental locations

Different geographical locations

Deferred cord clamping

Not about the kit.....

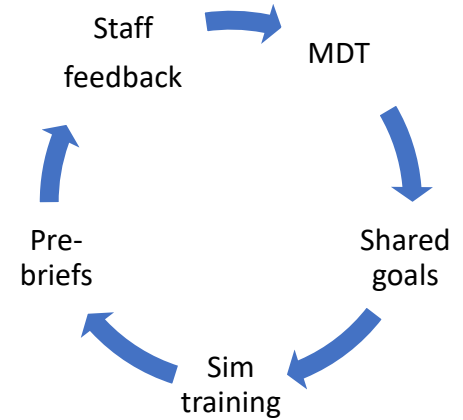
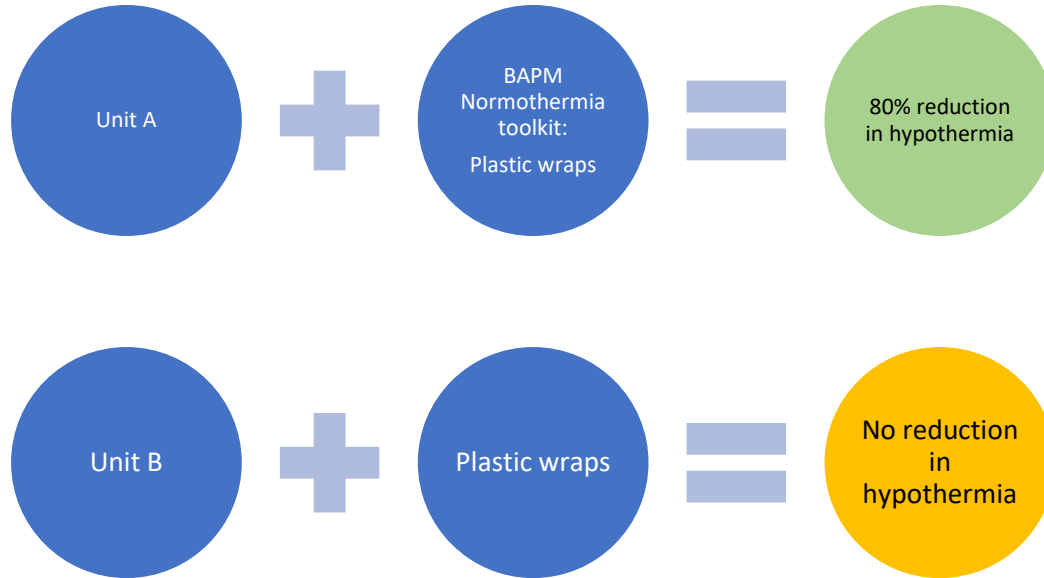
It's about the culture

- Working together and alongside each other
- Supporting our colleagues
- Having shared goals and developing pathways
- Understanding of all optimisation interventions
- Looking at data together and celebrating success



Quality Context: 'readiness for change'

Admission Hypothermia:



- 3 month junior neonatal doctor project
- Led by a consultant with no QI training
- In a labour ward undergoing a refurb

Culture and/or Context?

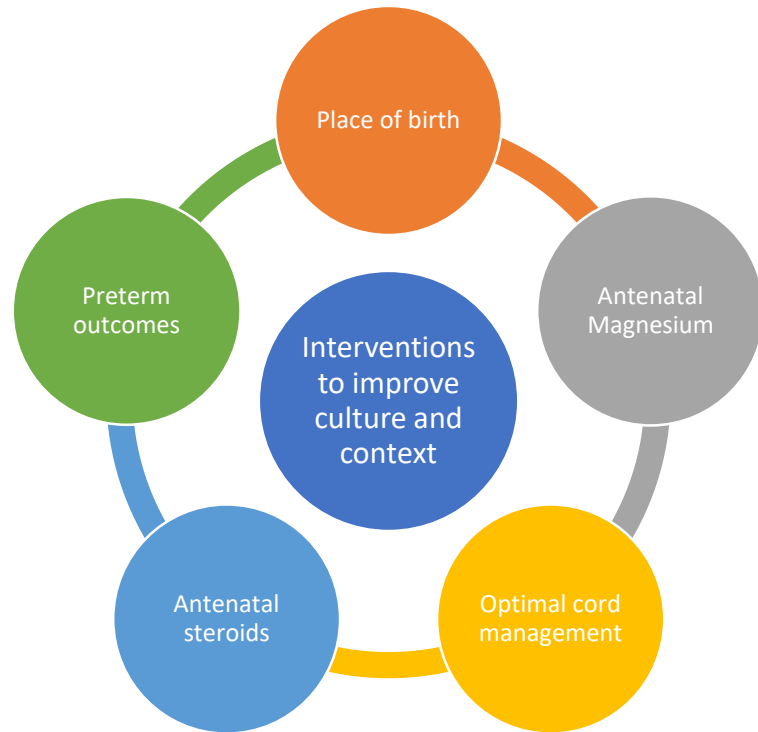
Good culture without quality context

- Good teamworking without training in QI
- Enthusiasm for change but without data
- Risk reviews underway but unsupported with allocated job plan time
- Perinatal optimisation guidelines in all sites but they differ across network

Quality context without good culture

- Risk review meetings which focus on blame
- Safety huddles without psychological safety
- Perinatal mortality meetings with poor attendance and punctuality
- Quality Leads who are out of touch with frontline pressures
- Simulation programmes for medics only

Context and culture: what is the evidence in Perinatal Optimisation?



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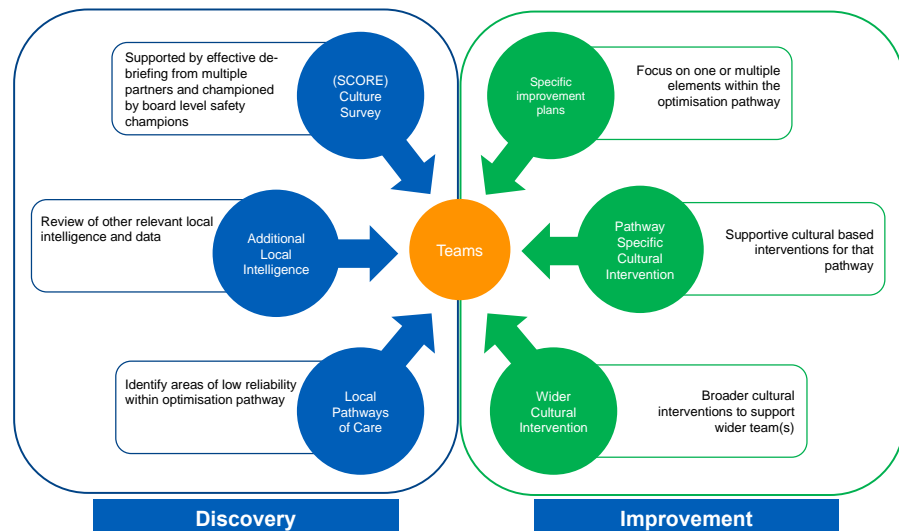
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- ❖ Resource to support the BAPM/NNAP Perinatal Optimisation toolkits
- ❖ Collaboration with MatNeoSIP
- ❖ Representation from:
 - Parents
 - Members of the wider perinatal team including all levels of unit, transport, anaesthetists, trainees (those who are involved in perinatal optimisation only)
 - HSIB, NTG, PERIPrem

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- Section 1: Assessing your context and culture:

- ❖ Staff culture surveys (SCORE)
- ❖ Parent and family feedback and surveys
- ❖ Trainee surveys and feedback
- ❖ Performance in Perinatal Optimisation
- ❖ External reviews
- ❖ Miscellaneous mechanisms
 - Local audit
 - SAE themes
 - Recruitment/retention
 - Staff feedback boards and questionnaires



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Section 2: Implementing improvements

- ❖ Improving effective leadership in Perinatal Optimisation
- ❖ Safe and person-centred pathways of care
- ❖ Effective teamworking, shared goals and positive communication
- ❖ Effective and continuous learning from episodes of error, excellence and near miss
- ❖ Engagement in audit, benchmarking and research
- ❖ Establishing capability and capacity for quality improvement

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Section 2: Implementing improvements



Activities

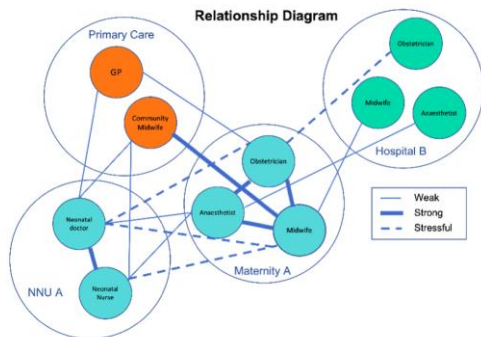


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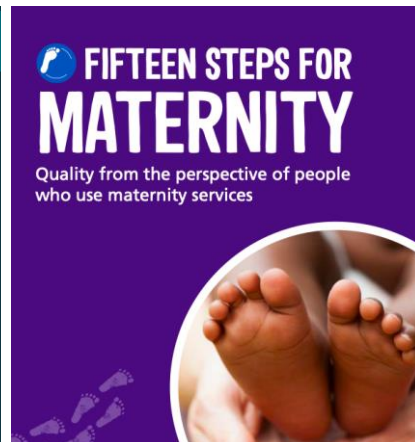


Improvement
stories

Activities



When rudeness in teams turns deadly | Chris Turner | TEDxExeter



Building a psychologically safe workplace | Amy Edmondson | TEDxMGSE



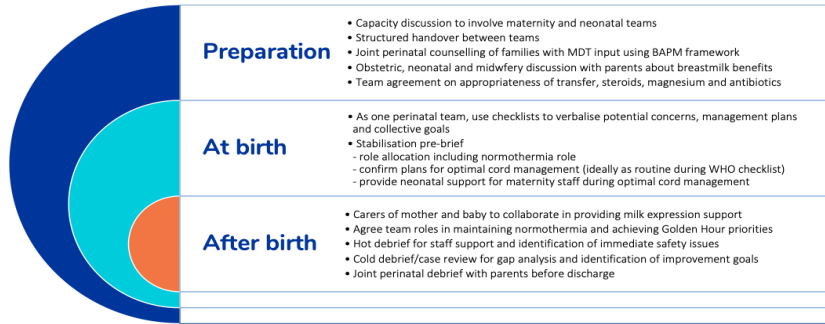
Understanding Person-Centred Care

Consider the following clinical situation and the role of the individual members of the perinatal team in her care:

Ruth is 43 years of age, in her third pregnancy and presents to maternity triage at 23+2 weeks gestation with preterm ruptured membranes. This is an IVF pregnancy and Ruth has experienced two miscarriages previously. The baby is breech presentation on ultrasound.

- What should the individual members of the perinatal team communicate to Ruth about perinatal outcomes, optimisation, and planning for birth?
- How might Ruth's individual circumstances influence her priorities and the interventions considered?
- How can person-centred care be facilitated in this case, and across the perinatal pathway?

Fostering shared goals in preterm birth



A model to enhance trust engagement:

Local Maternity and Neonatal Systems (LMNS)

- Both Maternity and Neonatal systems established in every board (NHS England)

Trust Safety Champions

- To meet regularly with clinical teams to understand Perinatal Optimisation priorities
- To meet regularly with Trust board to escalate locally identified issues (NHS England)

Trust Perinatal Quality Surveillance Model

- Ensure the PQSM includes Perinatal Optimisation outcomes (NHS England)
- Raise awareness to the Trust board of the importance of high quality perinatal services in relation to long term outcomes

Board reviews

- Ensure Perinatal Optimisation is on the agenda at the monthly board review of perinatal safety and quality and the LMNS surveillance group (NHS England)

Raise awareness

- Highlight national programmes, toolkits, guidance to Trust boards
- Encourage Trust board representation at SPSP-MCQIC learning events (NHS Scotland)
- Engage managers in understanding what is needed to secure financial incentives where Perinatal Optimisation compliance is achieved ie MIS 6-10 (CNST, NHS England)

Your baby's care

Measuring standards and improving neonatal care

NNAP
National Neonatal
Audit Programme
Poster 1

SIMPSON CENTRE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, EDINBURGH takes part in the National Neonatal Audit Programme (NNAP) which monitors aspects of the care that has been provided to babies on neonatal units in England, Scotland and Wales. This poster shows how the 2019 results for SIMPSON CENTRE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, EDINBURGH compare with national rates, as indicated in the NNAP 2020 Annual Report on 2019 data.



1. Where results are not available for a unit, they are denoted by NA. This includes BPD treatment effect for less than 32 weeks units. Treatment effect is not displayed for less than 3 units as they are unlikely to have sufficient numbers of very preterm infants attributed to them to make valid BPD treatment interpretation.
2. Results rounded due to small numbers are denoted by *.

Please see Poster 2 for this unit's responses to the results.
To find out more about how we use your baby's information, please visit www.nnpp.ac.uk/nnpp

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Developing a perinatal team approach to counselling

Best practice personalised perinatal counselling for extreme prematurity

History

- Review risk factors:
- Gestation
 - Estimated fetal weight
 - Fetal sex
 - Genital anomaly

- Individualise care:
- Obstetric history
 - Chorioamnionitis
 - PPROM

Fetal monitoring (CEFM)

- <26 weeks
- Autonomic immaturity makes interpretation difficult.
- No evidence CEFM improves outcome
- 26 weeks or more
- Recommend CEFM

Caesarean section
Evidence in extreme prematurity is limited
Discuss fetal and maternal risks in CS and vaginal birth
NICE: consider CS if breech >26w

Perinatal team uses BAPM Extreme Preterm Framework to assist parents understanding of:

- A. Mortality and morbidity risks
AND
B. Potential for risk profile to change
- Modifiable treatments
 - Increasing gestation
 - Place of birth
 - Response to resuscitation

Shared decision by parents and perinatal team
survival focused or comfort focused care

Holistic Care and Support

- Provide privacy
- Provide time to consider and revisit discussions
- Offer MDT support including psychology
- Facilitate other family/social support
- Give consistent, clear, balanced information
- Document all perinatal discussions in maternal records

Survival focused care

- Preparation:** Steroids
Tocolysis
Magnesium sulphate
In utero transfer
Antibiotics
Maternal breast milk benefits
Neonatal tour

Birth: Optimal cord management
Early parent-infant contact
Early expression of milk

Comfort focused care

- Discuss preference for birth location
- Discuss potential events during end of life
- Provide support and care consistent with:
- BAPM Palliative Care Framework
- BAPM Lactation and Loss Framework
- MBRACE Signs of Life Guidance
- PMRT Parent Engagement flowchart
- National Bereavement Care Pathways

Consider hospice/palliative care team input
Offer post mortem and other investigations
Offer joint perinatal team follow up

Appendix 3

Best practice principles for multidisciplinary perinatal team meetings

Appendix 4

Perinatal Optimisation Guidelines

Solutions

Building Successful Perinatal Optimisation Teams: Your Improvement Stories

Improvement Story One

Improving culture through
effective clinical leadership

Improvement Story Two

Improving Trust board level
support through a Perinatal
Safety Champions Team

Improvement Story Three

Establishing shared goals
and mental models

Improvement Story Four

Optimising Preterm Labour
& Delivery – ‘everyone’s
business’

Improvement Story Five

Obstetric Neonatal Interest
Teaching (ONIT)

Improvement Story Six

MDT simulation for
improving team
performance in optimal
cord management

Improvement Story Seven

Improving team culture for
junior members of the team

Improvement Story Eight

Neonatal Nurse Shadowing
Programme (NNSP)

Improvement Story Nine

Shared Network Learning
about Place of Birth

Improvement Story Ten

A novel solution to secure
staff engagement in
improvement

Improvement Story Eleven

Using optimisation data for
improvement

Improvement Story Twelve

Person-centred care in
Perinatal Optimisation



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Perinatal Optimisation

An Obstetricians view





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Intrapartum Antibiotic Prophylaxis

95% of women in established preterm labour (less than 34 weeks gestation) to receive Intrapartum Antibiotic Prophylaxis at least 4 hours prior to birth.

[Ref: 12]



Optimal Cord Management

Babies born at less than 34 weeks gestational age should have their cord clamped at or after one minute.

[Ref: 2,4,7]



Normothermia

Babies born at less than 34 weeks gestational age should have a temperature on admission which is both between 36.5-37.5°C and measured within one hour of birth.

[Ref: 2,4]



Early Maternal Breast Milk (MBM)

Babies born at less than 34 weeks gestational age should receive MBM within 6 hours of birth.

Units should monitor (and aim to increase) rates of first MBM within 6 hours of birth for babies born at less than 34 weeks gestational age.

MBM feeding at 14 days - Units should monitor (and aim to increase) rates of babies born at less than 34 weeks gestational age receiving MBM at 14 days of age.

[Ref: 2,8]



Caffeine

Babies should be started on caffeine as soon as possible (aim within the first 6 hours... NICE says: "starting it as early as possible and ideally before 3 days of age") in all babies:

- Less than 30 weeks gestation (consider 32 - 34 weeks)
- Birth weight less than 1500g

[Ref: 9,10]



Probiotics

Babies (less than 32 weeks, less than 1500g birth weight) should be commenced on a multi strain probiotic of choice on the first day of life.

[Ref: 11]



Volume Guarantee (VG) or Volume Targeted Ventilation (VTV)

For babies who need invasive ventilation, use volume-targeted ventilation (VTV) in combination with synchronised ventilation as the primary mode of respiratory support.

[Ref: 10]

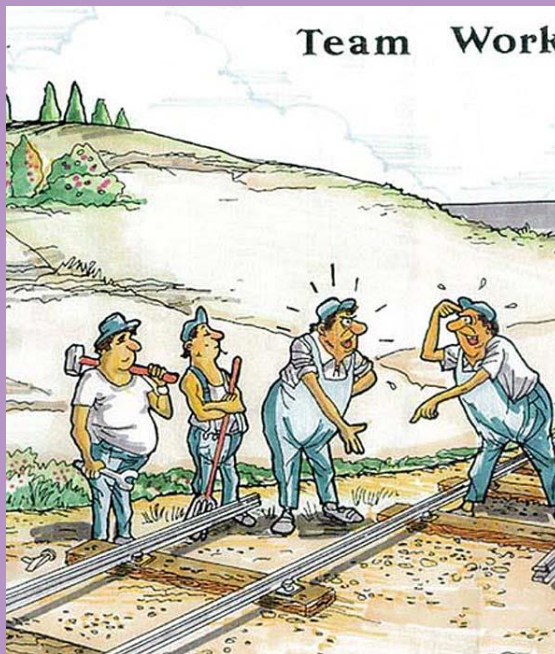


Prophylactic Hydrocortisone

Babies born <28 weeks gestation should receive prophylactic hydrocortisone from day 0 of life.

[Ref: 10]





THEME FROM "THE A-TEAM"

Words and Music by
MIKE POST and PETE CARPENTER

March $\text{♩} = 120$

N.C.

The musical score is written for piano and guitar. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as "March $\text{♩} = 120$ ". The score includes a piano introduction (N.C.) and a main melody. The piano part features a series of chords: F, Bb, C, and F. The guitar part features a series of chords: Eb, Bb, C, and F. The score is marked with "mf" (mezzo-forte) and "f" (forte). The score is watermarked with "MusicPost.com".

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In 2019 < 50 % of our
<34 week babies
received OCM



OPTIMAL CORD MANAGEMENT

FOR ALL PRETERM INFANTS BORN <34 WEEKS

EFFECTS OF OPTIMAL CORD MANAGEMENT (OCM)

decreased mortality by nearly a third for preterm infants

Number of infants <28 weeks that need to get OCM to save a life is 20

Fogarty 2018

Careful execution of OCM is essential to maintain neonatal wellbeing. Consider the below:

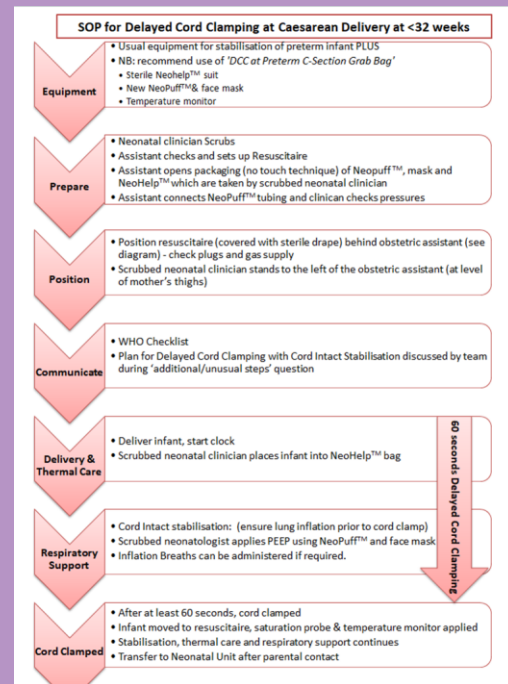
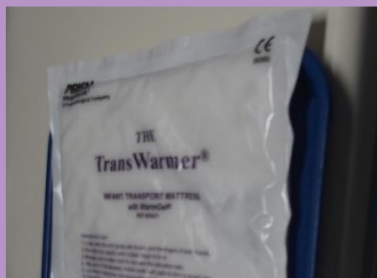
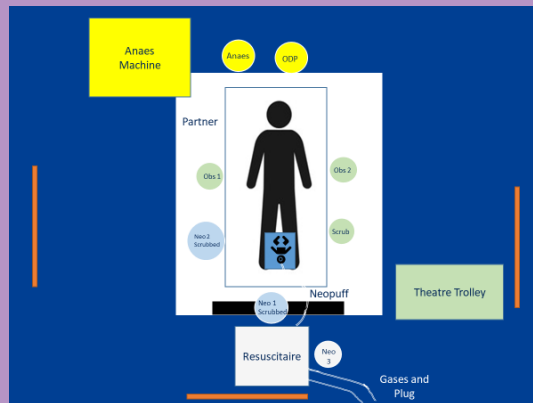
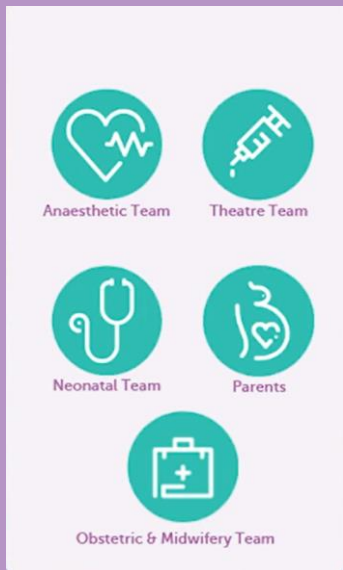
- Perinatal Team Simulation
- How to stabilise the infant during OCM
- Establish supply of sterile resuscitation equipment
- Thermoregulatory care e.g. use a sterile plastic bag

OCM is safe for multiple pregnancies

Jegatheesan et al 2018

Potential contraindications: Haemorrhage, Twin-to-Twin-Transfusion

OCM MULTI DISCIPLINARY TEAM







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Eligible babies	With data entered	Immediate (<60 seconds) (%)	Deferred (60 seconds and longer) (%)	Missing (%)
25	25	1 (4%)	24 (96%)	0 (0%)

The result of interest for this measure is 96%. The average result for England and Wales was 43%.

PERIPrem

Perinatal Excellence to Reduce Injury in Preterm Birth



1st December 2022

A multidisciplinary approach to building perinatal teams

- Understand the **concept** of the perinatal team.
- Appreciate the **importance** of multidisciplinary collaboration.
- Hear from a high-quality perinatal team (case study).



A multidisciplinary approach to building perinatal teams

- **Why, What** and **How** of PERIPrem: - Parental co-design
 - Resources
 - Barriers and Enablers
- **Added value** of team working





Why

**Reduce
newborn brain
injury and
death by 25%
by 2020, and
50% by 2025**



The NHS Long Term Plan



#NHSLongTermPlan

www.longtermplan.nhs.uk



What



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NICU

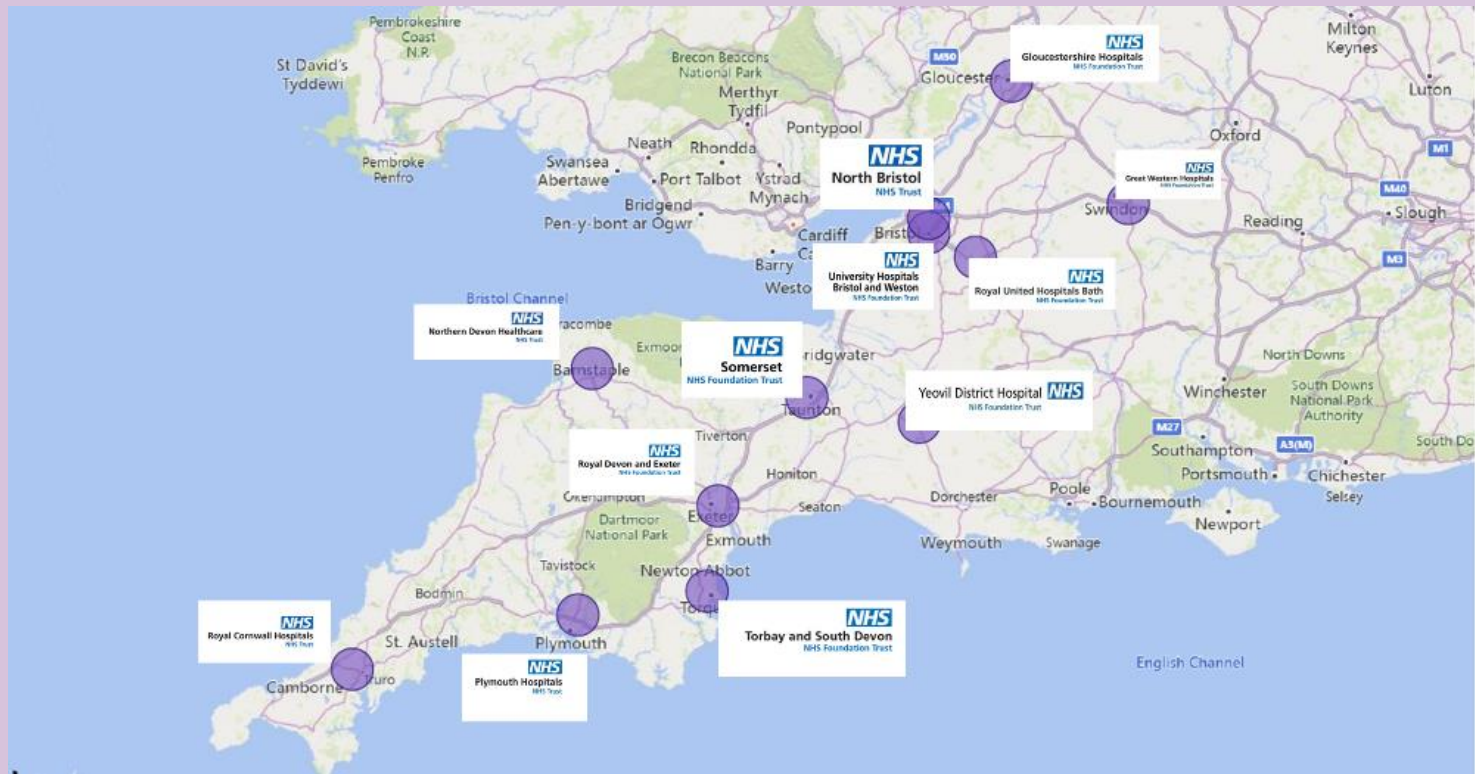


LNU



South West Network

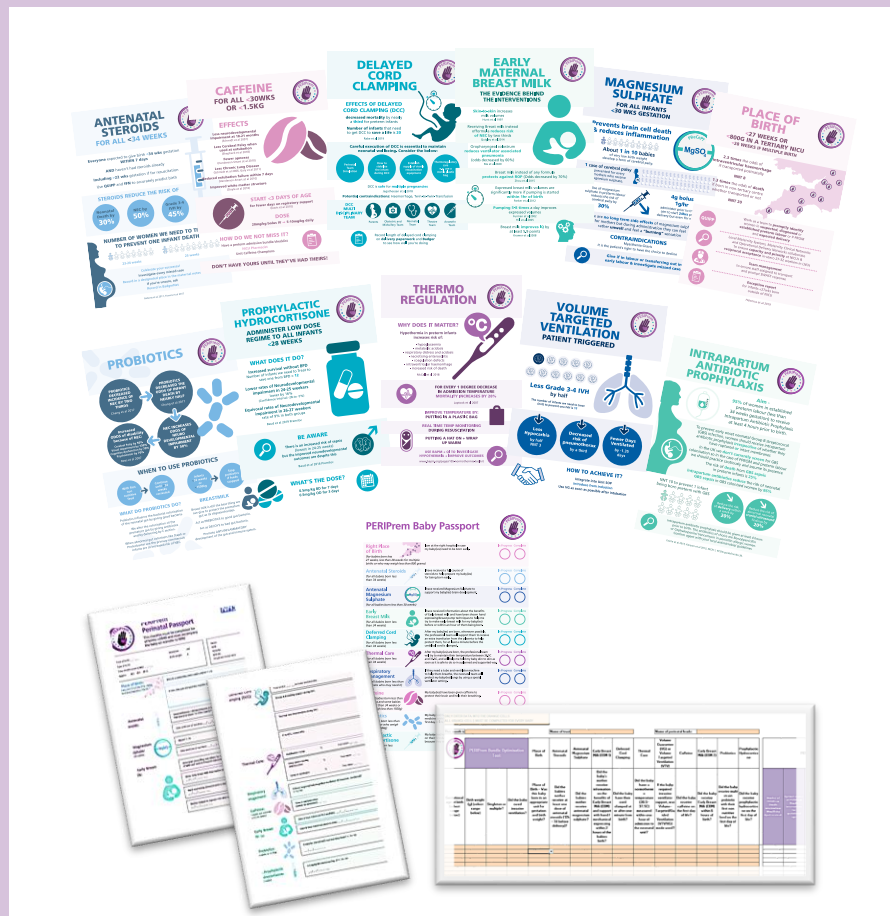
(8% of Births in England)





How

- Parental codesign.
- Multi-disciplinary team inclusion from design stages
- Cohesive approach with shared resources.
- Funded £4500 or 90 hours each over the 9-month project implementation phase for two PERIPrem Leads per hospital (a midwife and neonatal nurse).



[illegible]

VOLUME TARGETED (GUIDED) VENTILATION

PATIENT TARGETED FOR ALL ELIGIBLE PRETERM INFANTS

- Less Grade 3-4 IVH by half
- No evidence of air leak on two consecutive chest x-rays
- No evidence of pulmonary hemorrhage by chest x-ray

HOW TO ACHIEVE IT?

1. Optimize lung volume
2. Individualize PEEP
3. Individualize tidal volume
4. Use titration strategy (e.g., PEEP titration, Vg titration)

CAFFEINE
FOR ALL ~30WKS
OR ~1.5KG



EFFECTS

• Late second trimester onset of
Lupus around age 19-21 resembles
that of SLE

• Late Cerebral of Polycystic ovary
can be exacerbated
• Increased blood pressure

• Late Chronic Kidney Disease
onset after 30 weeks gestation

• Reduced incidence of delivery before 37 Weeks

• Increased risk of stillbirth and preterm
delivery of babies with low birth weight

STAY ON FIRST DAY OF LIFE
For women with preexisting lupus
(SLE or SJS)

DOSE
Strongly advised to be strongly advised

HOW DO WE NOT MISS IT?
Use a pill reminder or blood test

Use Caffeine or Caffeine

DON'T HAVE YOURS UNTIL THEY'VE HAD THEIRS



PERIPrem Baby Passport



Right Place of Birth

(for babies born less than 27 weeks, less than 28 weeks for multiple births or who may weigh less than 800 grams)



I am at the right hospital in case my baby(ies) need to be born early.

In Progress Complete



Antenatal Steroids

(for all babies born less than 34 weeks)



I have received a full course of steroids to help prepare my baby(ies) for being born early.

In Progress Complete



Antenatal Magnesium Sulphate

(for all babies born less than 30 weeks)



I have received Magnesium Sulphate to support my baby(ies) brain development.

In Progress Complete



Early Breast Milk

(for all babies born less than 34 weeks)



I have received information about the benefits of Early breast milk and have been shown hand expressing/breast pump techniques to help me try to make early breast milk for my baby(ies) before or within an hour of them being born.

In Progress Complete



Deferred Cord Clamping

(for all babies born less than 34 weeks)



After my baby(ies) are born, whenever possible, the professional team will support them to receive an extra transfusion from the placenta to help protect them, for at least a minute before the umbilical cord is clamped.

In Progress Complete



Thermal Care

(for all babies born less than 34 weeks)



After my baby(ies) are born, the professional team will try to maintain their temperature between 36.5C and 37.5C, and will help me hold my baby skin to skin as soon as it is safe to do so in a planned and supported way.

In Progress Complete



Respiratory Management

(for all babies born less than 34 weeks who may need it)



If they need a tube and ventilator machine to help them breathe, the neonatal team will protect my baby(ies) lungs by using a special ventilator setting.

In Progress Complete



Caffeine

(for all babies born less than 30 weeks and some babies born less than 34 weeks or who weigh less than 1500g)



My baby(ies) have been given caffeine to protect their brain and help their breathing.

In Progress Complete



Probiotics

(for babies born less than 32 weeks, or who weigh less than 1500g)



My baby(ies) have been given probiotic medicine with friendly bacteria in on their first day of life to help protect their gut.

In Progress Complete



Prophylactic Hydrocortisone

(for babies born less than 28 weeks)



My baby(ies) have been given hydrocortisone on their first day of life to help their lungs because they were born very early.

In Progress Complete





Evaluation

- Rate of intervention delivery.
- To understand the **barriers and enablers** associated with the PERIPrem approach upon the implementation of a multiple-element standardised bundle through qualitative interviews.
- To establish **the impact of the PERIPrem approach** upon perinatal staff knowledge, skills and confidence in **QI methodology, psychological safety** and **teamwork**.



Evaluation

Quality improvement report

Perinatal excellence to reduce injury in preterm birth (PERIPrem) through quality improvement



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What we found

By the end of the implementation phase (July 2020–June 2021):

- Improvements (between 8 and 63%) in the delivery of 10 of the 11 interventions: place of birth, antenatal steroids, optimal cord management, thermoregulation, caffeine, early breast milk, probiotics, prophylactic hydrocortisone.
- Significantly more women and babies (from 3 to 29%) were receiving all the interventions they were eligible for.
- Increase (55 to 78%) in the percentage of interventions women and babies were receiving. (See table below.)

Over the implementation phase

- Improvements in ventilation, early breast milk, multi-strain probiotics and prophylactic hydrocortisone, and a steady improvement in optimal place of birth for the most preterm infants.
- Improved team function, situation monitoring and communication within perinatal teams.

Table: Changes in adherence to the interventions from pre- to post-implementation.

	2019 n (%)	2021 n (%)	Probability [95% CI]	p
Mothers and babies receiving all eligible elements	3 (3%)	35 (29%)	0.96 [0.87 to 0.99]	<0.001*
Place of Birth	7 (44%)	12 (75%)	0.92 [0.60 to 0.99]	0.022*
Antenatal Steroids	68 (57%)	107 (89%)	0.87 [0.73 to 0.94]	<0.001*
Magnesium Sulphate	33 (75%)	32 (86%)	0.62 [0.43 to 0.78]	0.197
Intrapartum Antibiotics	31 (66%)	29 (62%)	0.65 [0.33 to 0.88]	0.351
Optimal Cord Management	63 (60%)	95 (79%)	0.73 [0.60 to 0.83]	0.002*
Thermoregulation	89 (74%)	98 (82%)	0.63 [0.53 to 0.72]	0.010*
Ventilation	41 (87%)	39 (95%)	0.34 [0.01 to 0.97]	0.750
Caffeine	35 (80%)	35 (95%)	0.97 [0.83 to 0.99]	<0.001*
Early Breast Milk	14 (12%)	76 (63%)	0.94 [0.90 to 0.96]	<0.001*
Probiotics	10 (14%)	39 (54%)	0.98 [0.83 to 1.00]	0.002*
Prophylactic Hydrocortisone	4 (24%)	20 (87%)	1.00 [0.99 to 1.00]	<0.001*
	2019 (%)	2021 (%)	Mean Difference (%)	p
% of interventions received by mothers and babies	55%	78%	23.4%	<0.001*

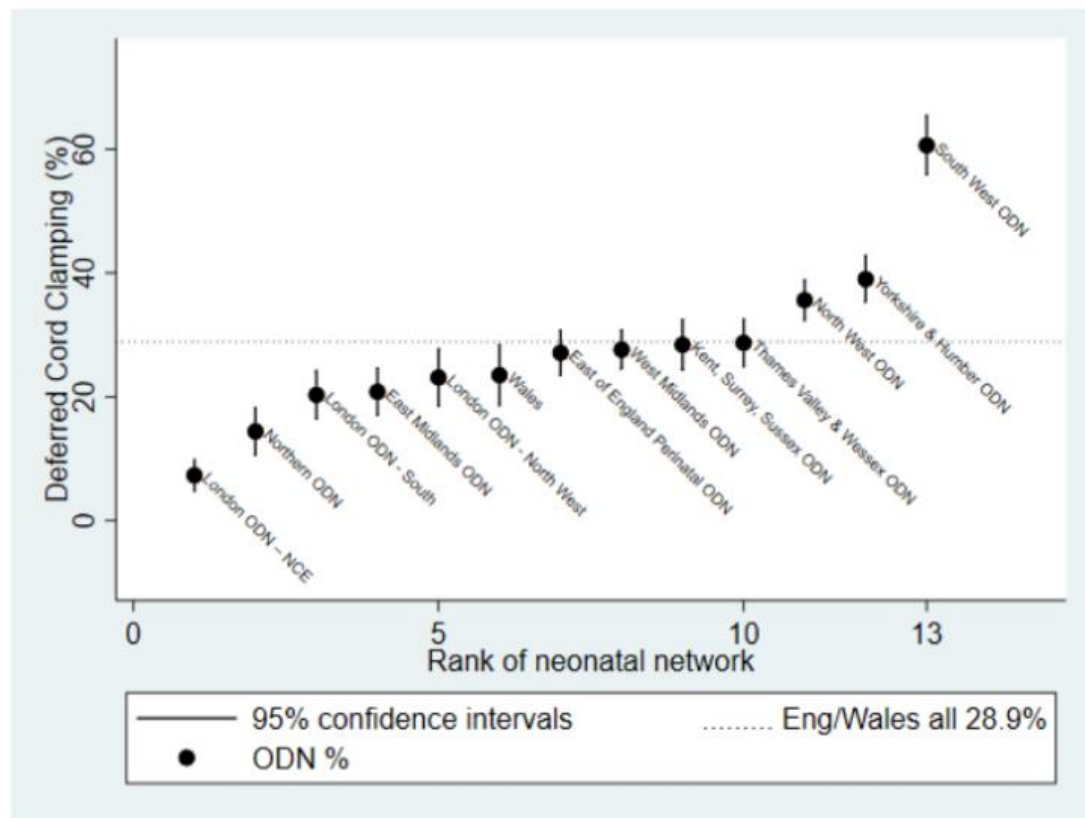
*statistically significant changes $p < 0.05$

- [Perinatal excellence to reduce injury in preterm birth \(PERIPrem\) through quality improvement | BMJ Open Quality](#)
- [Barriers and Enablers to the Implementation of a Perinatal Care Bundle: The Perinatal Excellence to Reduce Injury in Premature Birth \(PERIPrem\) Project](#) (preprint)
- PERIPrem case studies were published in April 2022 by NHS Confederation and in July 2022 in the National Child Mortality Database thematic report (pages 21-22). <https://www.ncmd.info/publications/newborn-health-mortality/>



Figure 19: Caterpillar plot of the proportions of deferred cord clamping, by neonatal network or operational delivery network (ODN).

Network proportions are represented by dots. The 95% confidence intervals for a network are shown by a vertical line with each dot.



NNAP
National Neonatal
Audit Programme





- “The NHS LTP is to achieve a 50% reduction in stillbirth, maternal mortality, neonatal mortality and serious brain injury by 2025. This is a challenging target and we are currently not on target to achieve this in neonatology.
- The PERIPrem Project, however, has shown what can be done to optimise perinatal care with a structured collaborative QI approach not only across neonatology, maternity and obstetrics but also putting parent empowerment at the heart of this project.
- The team have made all their QI support, guidelines and parent stories widely available for use across the UK.
- In my work as a neonatologist and clinical lead for the Getting It Right First Time programme, I strongly support major improvements in early perinatal care as one of the key ways to reduce neonatal death and significantly reduce brain injury in this population and PERIPrem is an outstanding example of this ambition.”



Evaluation

Barriers

COVID 19

Time

Complexity

Psychological capacity

Hierarchical structures

Resistance to experimentation

Choice of PERIPrem leads: interested and engaged, and not coerced

Each intervention had bespoke barriers & enablers



Evaluation

Enablers

Awareness of & belief in evidence based knowledge

Funding → Time

Toolkit & Checklists

Co-design

Flexible implementation techniques tailored to local systems

Choice of PERIPrem leads

PERIPrem leads created teachable moments in busy clinical environments

Tea Trolley teaching

Development of a joint team identity

Communication



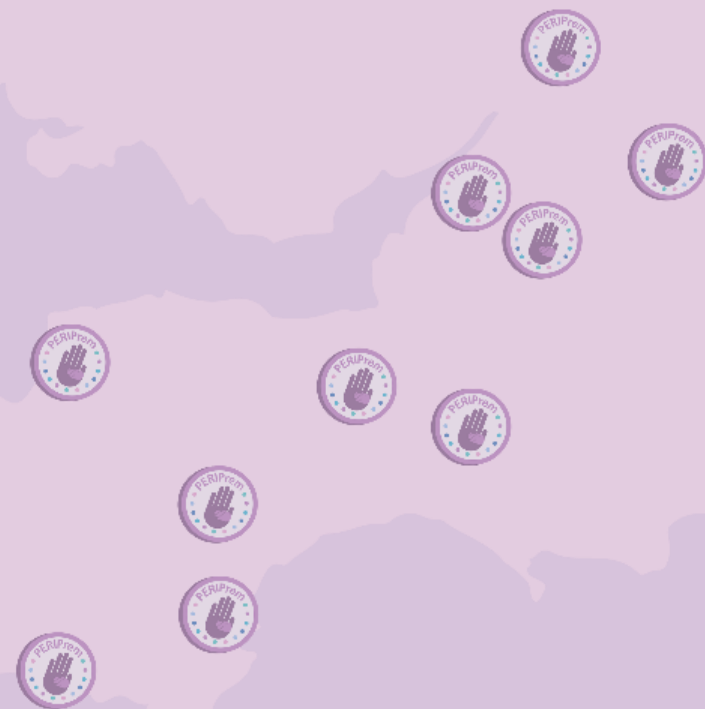
Evaluation

Impact on psychological safety and teamworking

Statistically significant improvement in team function ($p=0.021$)

Situation monitoring ($p=0.029$)

Communication within teams ($p=0.002$) over the implementation phase



Perinatal optimisation resources

Dr Lynsey Still

MCQIC Neonatal Clinical Lead

Healthcare Improvement Scotland



Perinatal Optimisation

PRETERM PERINATAL PACKAGE

A group of multidisciplinary interventions clinically proven to reduce morbidity and mortality, resulting in significantly improved outcomes for preterm babies.

NICU Delivery



- Extreme preterm birth in a tertiary unit setting significantly improves survival and neurodevelopmental outcomes

AIM:

Optimally timed in-utero transfers should ensure infants **<27 weeks** are delivered in specialist tertiary neonatal units.

Antenatal Steroids



- Reduces mortality by **32%**
- Reduces preterm lung disease, brain haemorrhage, necrotising enterocolitis (NEC) and sepsis

AIM:

All mothers delivering **<34 weeks** should receive a full course of steroids, ideally in the **7 days before birth**, for maximum efficacy.

Magnesium Sulphate



- Reduces risk of cerebral palsy by **30%**
- For every 37 women given magnesium sulphate, 1 less baby will develop cerebral palsy

AIM:

All mothers delivering **<30 weeks** should receive magnesium sulphate, ideally in the **24 hours before delivery** for maximum efficacy.

Deferred Cord Clamping

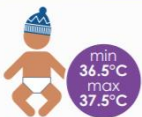


- Reduces mortality by **32%**
- Reduces brain haemorrhage
- Reduces the need for blood transfusion

AIM:

To achieve these full benefits, all babies **<34 weeks** should receive deferred cord clamping of a **MINIMUM of 60 seconds**.

Maintain Temperature



- Early hypothermia (<36.5°C) increases mortality and risk of brain haemorrhage, NEC and sepsis
- Emerging evidence links early hyperthermia (>38°C) to adverse outcomes

AIM:

Ensure strict thermoregulatory measures to achieve normothermia (**36.5 - 37.5°C**) within an hour of birth.

Mum's Breast Milk



- Safest milk for preterm babies
- Significantly reduces the risk of sepsis and NEC
- Reduces mortality & improves neurodevelopmental outcomes

AIM:

All infants **<32 weeks** should receive maternal milk, ideally within the **first 24 hours** of life.

Early Caffeine

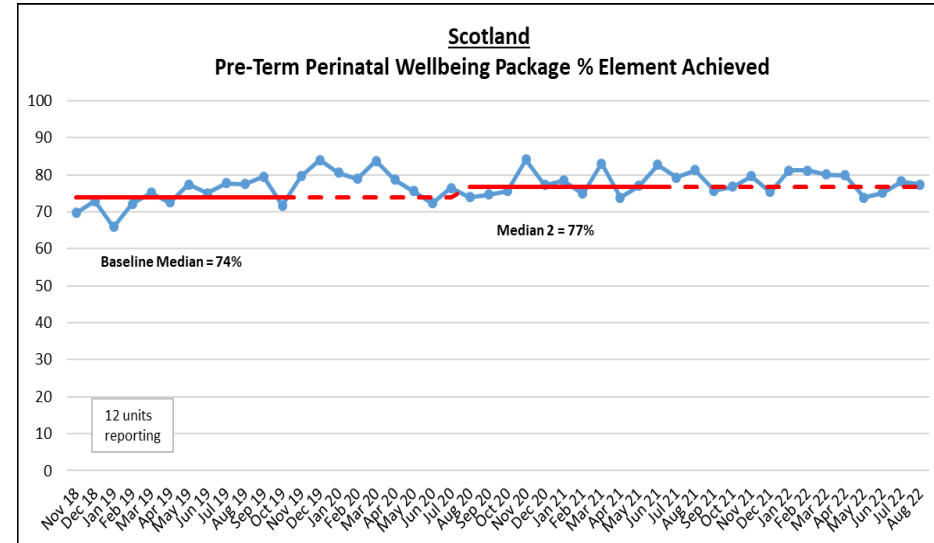
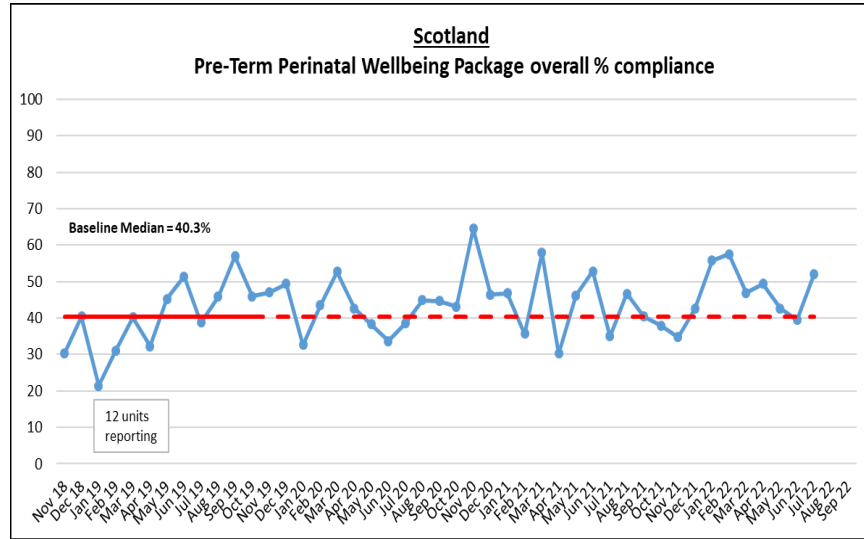


- Reduces apnoea, invasive ventilation and preterm lung disease
- Improves survival without neurodevelopmental disability

AIM:

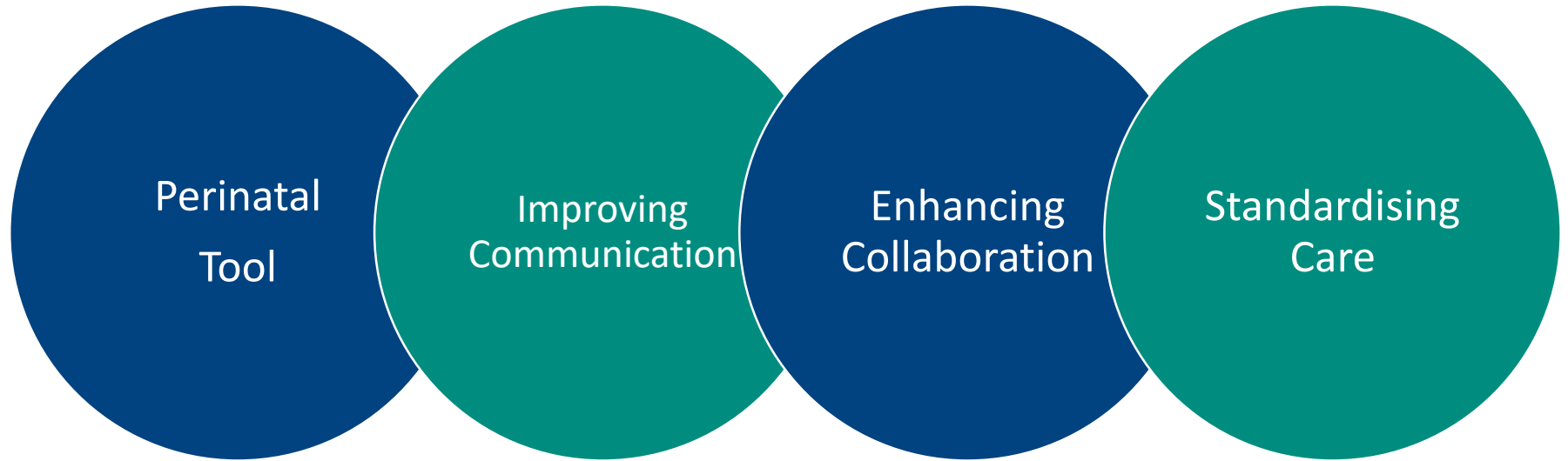
All infants born **<30 weeks** should receive caffeine within 3 days, **ideally on admission** to NICU.

PPWP – How well are we doing?



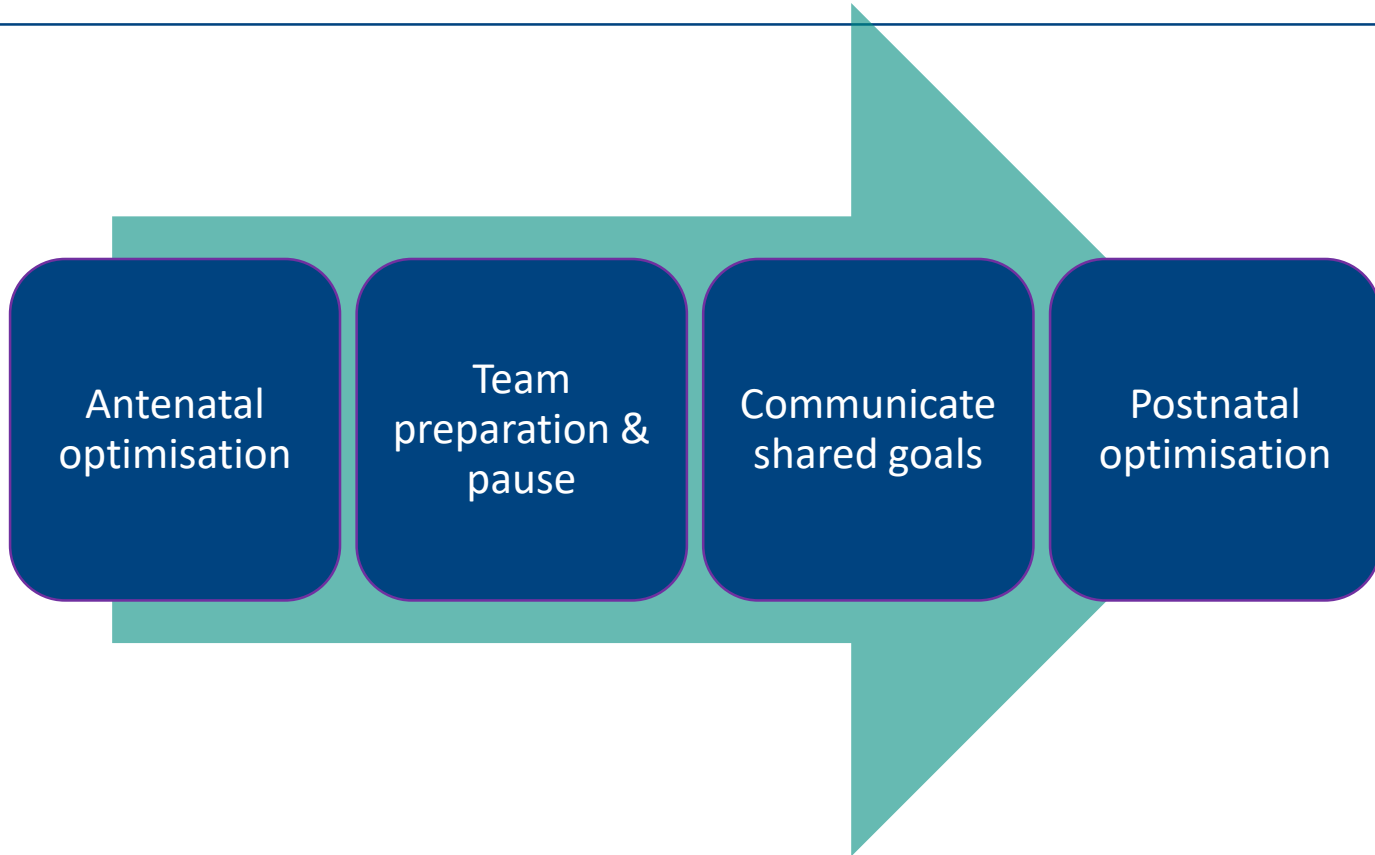
- Evolution of programme - perinatal optimisation will remain key focus
- Need for national tool to support perinatal teams deliver improved perinatal optimisation
- Creation of high quality, consistent and safe clinical care processes, underpinned by the Essentials of Safe Care

Preterm Passport



Every preterm baby receives the best possible care & best chance of survival

Preterm Passport



Preterm Passport

Perinatal optimisation
for babies <34 weeks

MCQIC

The preterm passport supports delivery of all aspects of the perinatal wellbeing package (PPWP) and evidence based interventions proven to significantly improve outcomes in preterm babies.

This passport should be used for all women giving birth <34 weeks.

Maternal details

Name _____
CHI _____
Birth type _____
GBS status _____

Baby details

Gestation _____
DOB ____/____/____
Time of birth ____:____
CHI _____

Antenatal



Place of birth

All births <27 weeks should occur in a maternity hospital with co-located neonatal intensive care unit.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:



Steroids

All women giving birth <34 weeks should receive 2 doses of steroids within 7 days of delivery.

1st dose ____/____/____ @ ____:____

2nd dose ____/____/____ @ ____:____

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:



Magnesium sulphate

All women giving birth <30 weeks should receive a magnesium sulphate loading dose and 4 hour infusion in the 24 hours before birth.

Loading dose started ____/____/____ @ ____:____

Maintenance started ____/____/____ @ ____:____

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:



Antibiotics

All women in established preterm labour should receive intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis to prevent GBS infection in newborns.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:



Counselling

All women giving birth <34 weeks should be counselled antenatally, with MDT discussions focused on the importance of breast milk and early expressing.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:

Preparation

NNU

Incubator
Ventilator/CPAP
IV trolley
Drugs
Fluids
Monitoring



Labour ward

Resuscitaire
CPAP
Intubation
Surfactant
Thermal care
Monitoring



Perinatal pause

Allocate roles
Stabilisation plan
Shared Goals:
• DCC
• Gentle transition
• Normothermia

Stabilisation



Deferred cord clamping

All babies should receive a minimum of 60 seconds deferred cord clamping.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:

Contraindications:

- No signs of life ☐
- Cord integrity ☐
- Major placental separation ☐
- Twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome ☐



Respiratory

Transition: Gentle lung inflation with PIP 20–25cm
FiO2 <28 weeks 30% FiO2 >28weeks 21–30%

CPAP: >25 weeks gestation aim for CPAP as firstline

Intubation: <25 weeks gestation, or if clinically indicated

Surfactant: Give surfactant if intubated for stabilisation



Temperature

Strict thermal care measures should ensure all babies achieve normothermia (temperature 36.5–37.5°C), within an hour of birth
Temp on admission to NICU _____ °C

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Reasons if no:

Postnatal



NNU pause

Team pause on admission to NNU to clarify plan and allocation of tasks. Ensure experienced staff perform procedures on the most preterm babies. Aim to minimise handling, maintain normothermia and ensure rapid administration of drugs and fluids.

Access ➡ Bloods and gas ➡ Drugs and fluids ➡ Imaging



Respiratory

CPAP: Maintain non-invasive ventilation where possible.
Non-invasive surfactant administration if required.

Ventilation: Use volume limited lung protective strategy.
Actively wean towards early extubation if >25 weeks.
Avoid hypocarbia, target pCO2 4.5–8.5 kPa.



Caffeine

All babies <30 weeks should be receive caffeine on admission to the NNU

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:



Maternal breast milk

All mothers should be supported to express within 2 hours of birth.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:

All babies <32 weeks should receive maternal milk within the first 24 hours.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Reasons if no:

Compliant with all elements of PPWP passport

Yes ☐ No ☐

Next Steps

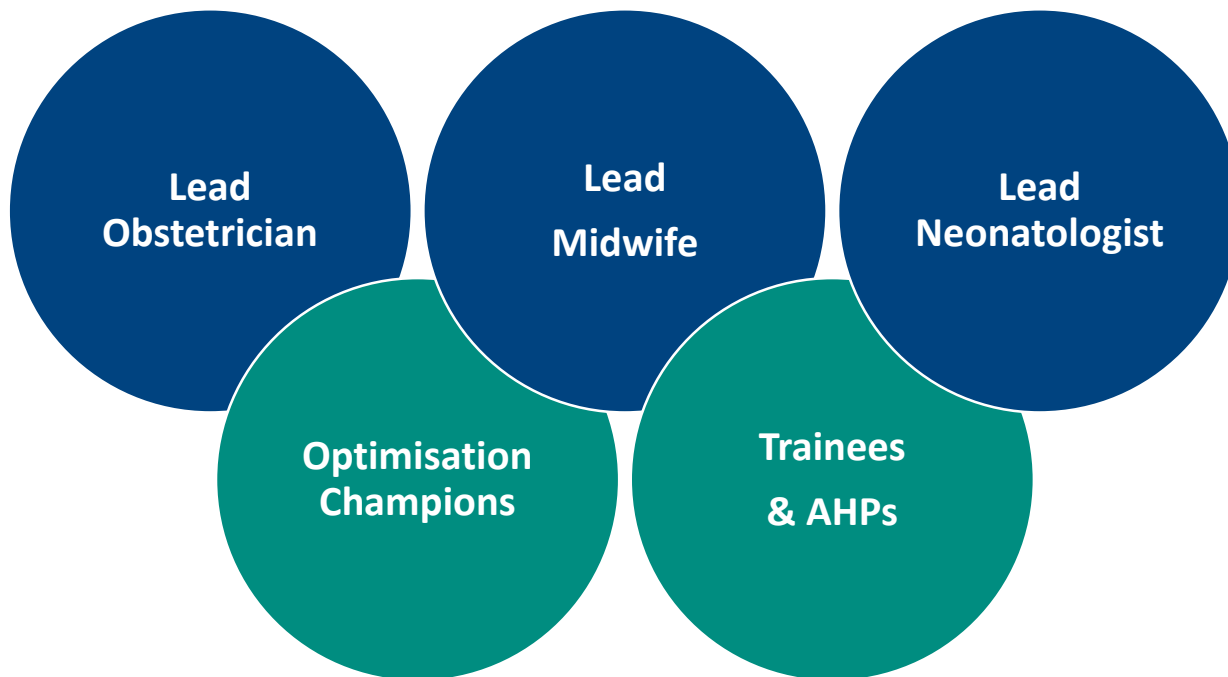
- Final draft to be agreed.
- Early 2023 testing of passport in small number of units.
- Working with data team to develop our toolkits.
- Creation of visual reporting tools to provide instant feedback for teams.

What we will do next

- Continue to promote perinatal collaboration across maternity and neonatal communities.
- Work with you to test the perinatal passport resource.
- Engage with the community to continue developing our improvement offers for the perinatal and paediatric programmes of work.
- Embed the Essentials of Safe Care across all programmes.

Your Next Steps

It's now over to YOU



Key Resources



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