



# MBRRACE-UK

Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through  
Audits and Confidential Enquiries across the UK

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## MBRRACE-UK: The new organisation for national confidential enquiries in maternal, perinatal and infant care

### Welcome to the first MBRRACE-UK newsletter!

**MBRRACE-UK** is the new organisation appointed by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Programme (HQIP) to continue the national programme of work investigating maternal deaths, stillbirths and infant deaths, including the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths. Keeping clinical staff and other stakeholders informed of progress is a key priority and we plan to do this with regular newsletters and emails to Trusts, Hospitals, Healthboards and other stakeholders and through our website at: <https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/mbrpace-uk>.

The aims of MBRRACE-UK are to provide robust information to support the delivery of safe, equitable, high quality, patient-centred maternal, newborn and infant health services.

The MBRRACE-UK programme of work will involve continuing the national Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths (CEMD) and national surveillance of late fetal losses, stillbirths and infant deaths. In addition the programme will also include a series of themed topic-based confidential clinical reviews of serious maternal and infant morbidity, and stillbirths. The first two topics for themed review have been selected by the MBRRACE-UK Independent Advisory Group\*. The maternal themed review topic is sepsis and the perinatal topic is infants with congenital diaphragmatic hernia. The confidential case review methods are currently being finalised; we will be working with professional organisations to develop selection criteria for case assessors who may be members of review panels, and further information for potential panel members will be available on the MBRRACE-UK website later in the year. We will be seeking ideas for future review topics soon and information about this will be available on the MBRRACE-UK website shortly along with details of the selection process which will be used to agree on topics from those suggested.

*\*<http://www.hqip.org.uk/independent-advisory-group-for-the-corp-maternal-infant-perinatal-programme/>*

### MBRRACE-UK - Who are we? Meet the collaborators

MBRRACE-UK is a collaboration between investigators at the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, University of Oxford, The Infant Mortality and Morbidity Studies (TIMMS) Team at the University of Leicester, University College London, the University of Liverpool, the University of Birmingham, an Oxford General Practice, Sands, the Stillbirth and neonatal death charity and Imperial College London.



**MBRRACE-UK Collaborators**

*Front from the left: Lucy Smith, Marian Knight, Jenny Kurinczuk, Maggie Redshaw  
Back row from the left: Sara Kenyon, Liz Draper, David Field, Brad Manktelow, Jim Neilson, Ron Gray, Charlotte Bevan  
Not present: Peter Brocklehurst, Janet Scott, Judy Shakespeare, Neena Modi*

## Safeguarding the continuity of the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths



The most recent report from the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths (CEMD) issued in March 2011 reported deaths of women which occurred in the triennium 2006-2008. MBRRACE-UK regards safeguarding the continuity of CEMD as having the highest priority. For this reason our first task since taking responsibility for CEMD has been to evaluate the work needed to begin the confidential case reviews for women who died from January 2009 onwards including all late maternal deaths. Please note that this is a change from the most recent data collection undertaken by CMACE and all deaths from 43 days to one year after delivery will now be included.

We estimate that for 2009-2011 about 85% of maternal deaths have been identified although complete information is only available for about 52%. We will be in touch with Trusts, Hospitals, Healthboards shortly to confirm they have reported all the maternal deaths which have occurred in women who delivered in their Units since January 2009 and to start to collect the detailed clinical information and anonymised copies of case notes in preparation for confidential reviews which will begin in 2013. We aim to report on these deaths in 2014.

## Perinatal deaths reports

The most recent UK national report on perinatal deaths was issued by CMACE in March 2011 and included deaths which occurred in 2009. We are currently evaluating the completeness and quality of the information relating to the 2010 perinatal deaths collected by CMACE and which was passed to us at the start of the MBRRACE-UK contract in June 2012. It is not clear yet whether the information will be sufficiently complete to enable us to issue a report using these data.

The funding bodies of England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and the British Crown Dependencies have indicated to MBRRACE-UK that from the information collected via the MPMN portal for perinatal deaths in England\* in 2011 there is about a 30% shortfall in the number of cases notified. The funding bodies have therefore made the decision that MBRRACE-UK should concentrate on data collection in 2012 and for the future rather than trying to retrospectively identify missing cases and collect the missing information for 2011. Importantly, however, the information about the babies who died in 2011 will be used to identify those babies whose deaths will be included in the topic-based confidential case reviews.

A report on perinatal deaths in 2011 which occurred in Wales will be issued by the All Wales Perinatal Survey in October 2012 and will be available at: <http://medicine.cf.ac.uk/awps/>

Regional structures have been maintained in Northern Ireland to support the collection of perinatal and maternal mortality data through the NI Maternal and Child Health Office (NIMACH) which sits in the NI Public Health Agency. A complete perinatal mortality dataset has been maintained since 2009 and a Northern Ireland report on perinatal mortality for 2010 and 2011 will be finalised by the end of 2012.

A report on perinatal deaths in 2011 which occurred in Scotland (SPIMMR) will be issued by Health Care Improvement Scotland in January 2013 and will be available at: <http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/default.aspx?page=14046>

We are anxious to ensure that this level of shortfall in notifications in England does not continue in 2012 and into 2013; Units are therefore urged to ensure that all perinatal deaths in 2012 are notified via the MPMN portal where appropriate for their area – see the back page. Units are also reminded that MBRRACE-UK is included in Department of Health Quality Accounts, see: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/cc?key=0Ar\\_I1hBHe1mM dDiveC11cDIX1hRMk9aRUpUX3ZKV0E#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/cc?key=0Ar_I1hBHe1mM dDiveC11cDIX1hRMk9aRUpUX3ZKV0E#gid=0)



*Hand in hand, father Jason Hyde and son Sherman who was stillborn*

*\*This excludes the North East of England and North Cumbria, and the West Midlands who continued to collect deaths in 2011 using existing regional mechanisms*

# Trusts, Hospitals, Healthboards registered with the MPMN Portal

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## What Units need to do now

We plan to introduce the new programme of work and a new data collection system for maternal deaths, late fetal losses, stillbirths and infant deaths from January 2013 onwards. In the meantime Units should continue to upload notifications of maternal and perinatal deaths to the MPMN Portal.

Until further notice Units in the North East of England and North Cumbria should continue to submit data to the RMSO, and Units in the West Midlands should continue to submit perinatal data via their regional systems and maternal data via the MPMN portal.

Units in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should similarly continue using their existing agreed national processes.

Any Unit uncertain of whether they are registered to upload data to the portal should email: [mbrrace-uk@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mbrrace-uk@npeu.ox.ac.uk) and we can check.

Any Unit not already registered with the MPMN portal should do so by getting in touch with: Monika Desai at the CNS support team via [servicedeskmpmn@cnsuk.co.uk](mailto:servicedeskmpmn@cnsuk.co.uk) help is also available via the CNS helpdesk at 0845 6440991

Further information about the portal is also available at: [www.mpmn.nhs.uk](http://www.mpmn.nhs.uk)

## Any questions?

### MBRRACE-UK contact details

If you have any questions or concerns about reporting, please contact the

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on

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or 01865 289715



## Funders of the Maternal, Newborn and Infant Clinical Outcome Review Programme

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The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) was established in 2008 to promote quality in healthcare, and in particular to increase the impact that clinical audit has on healthcare quality in England and Wales. It is led by a consortium of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, the Royal College of Nursing and National Voices. HQIP commissions, manages and provides support, guidance and advice for the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP), including the four National Clinical Outcome Review Programme Confidential Enquires. Details can be found at: [www.hqip.org.uk/clinical-outcome-review-programmes-2/](http://www.hqip.org.uk/clinical-outcome-review-programmes-2/)



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