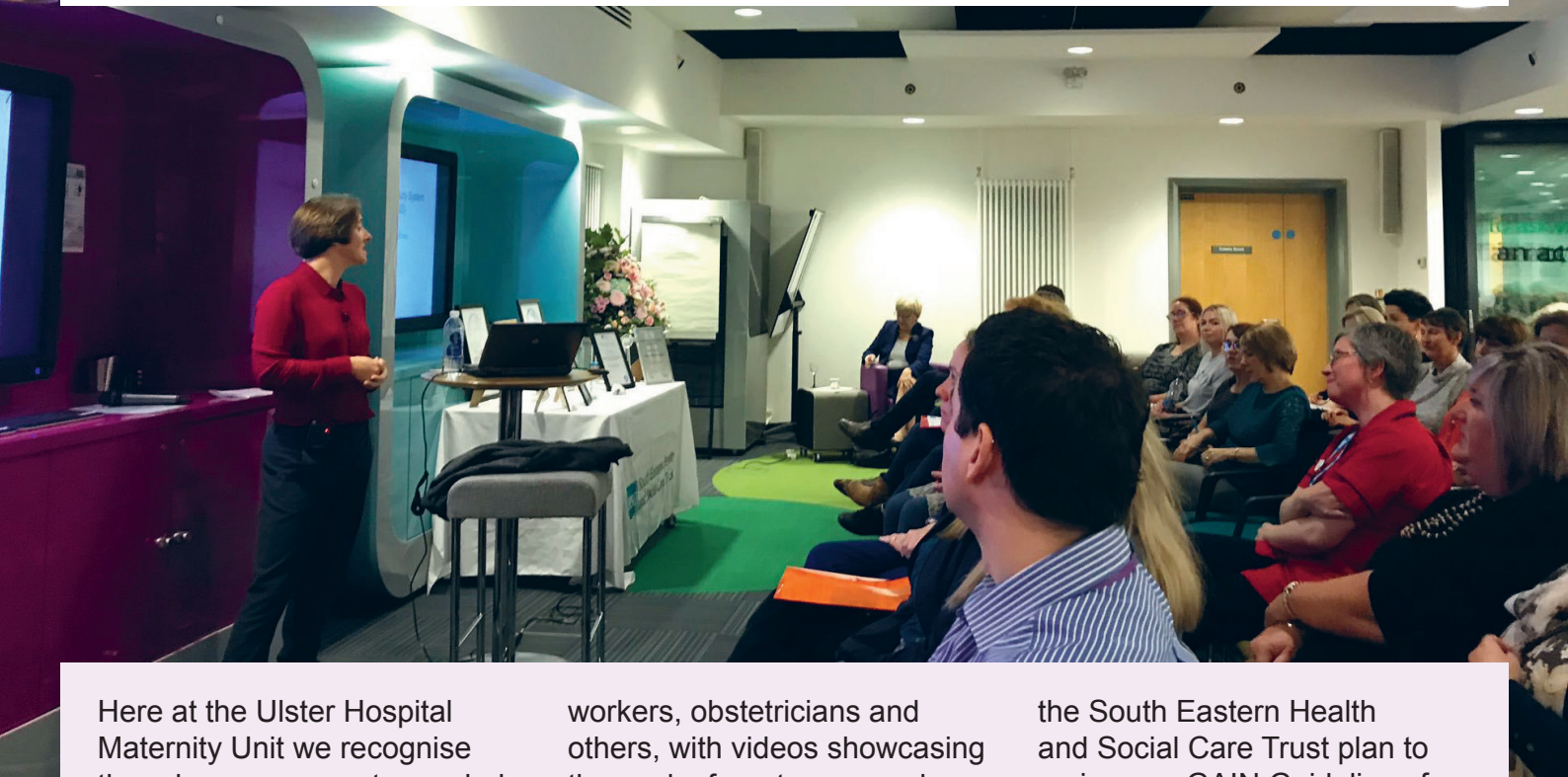


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UKMidSS at Ulster Maternity 10th Anniversary Celebration

Back in February Katherine Robinson, Manager of the Home from Home Unit at Ulster Hospital in Belfast, contacted the UKMidSS office with news of a maternity services celebration event she was planning in October and inviting Rachel to speak about UKMidSS.

Katherine and Suzanne Hobday, the UKMidSS reporter at the Home from Home Unit, have been enthusiastic supporters of UKMidSS from the start so Rachel was delighted to accept. We asked Katherine to tell us about the day.



Here at the Ulster Hospital Maternity Unit we recognise three key components needed to achieve best outcomes for mothers and babies: skilled staff, a supportive maternity service and evidence based guidelines. As part of our ongoing commitment to staff development and support we held our “Innovate and Celebrate Conference” on 12th October 2017, celebrating 10 years of maternity services in our new building. The day involved all members of the maternity team, including midwives, maternity support

workers, obstetricians and others, with videos showcasing the work of our team members, and renowned speakers from around the world, including Rachel Rowe from UKMidSS.

Rachel presented results of the UKMidSS Severe Obesity Study, which were very well received by the multidisciplinary conference delegates, and sparked debate about exclusion of obese women from midwifery led care and the need to improve pre-conception care for obese women. As a direct result of Rachel’s presentation

the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust plan to review our GAIN Guidelines for inclusion criteria to midwifery led care in relation to BMI, using the UKMidSS data (once published) as supporting evidence. Our UKMidSS reporting midwives are delighted that they contributed to the evidence that will support improvements in services for obese women. Dissemination of the findings of the Severe Obesity Study to improve local services makes the monthly reporting more than worthwhile.

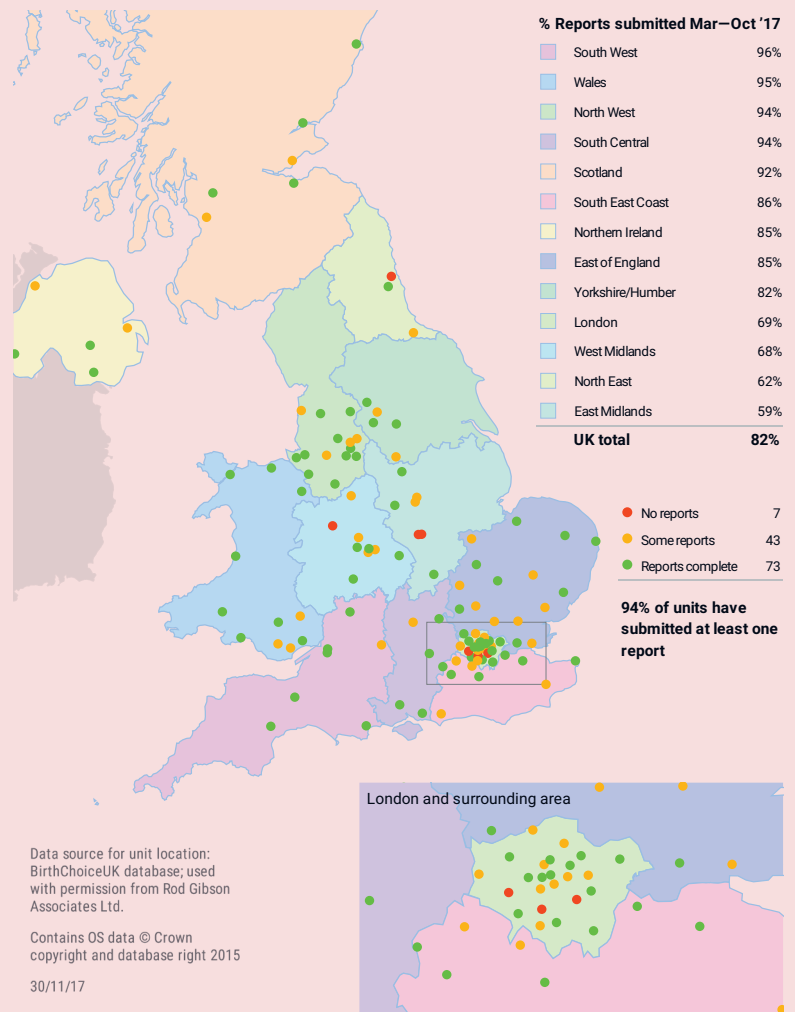
Neonatal Admission Study: Reporting and data entry

Eight months into the Neonatal Admission Study we are seeing consistently high rates of reporting from most units.

Our map shows all the units contributing to UKMidSS and response to monthly report request emails for March to October. Overall, 94% of units have submitted at least one monthly report for the Neonatal Admission Study. Our regional leaders are the South West with a fantastic 96% response rate, followed by Wales, North West and South Central, with 95% and 94% respectively.

So far we have had 627 cases reported and excellent data entry, with complete data entered on almost three-quarters of cases and controls so far.

We are aware that staff changes/shortages and problems with data systems have delayed reporting or data entry in some units. In general we can manage and support you with this if we are aware of it, but 'radio silence' is more difficult, so please do get in touch if you are having problems. Please study the map and the list of units opposite carefully.



If you are a UKMidSS reporter or Head of Midwifery in one of the 'red dot' units on our map, or with a red square or dot over the page, and you haven't already been in touch with us please do so ASAP.

UKMidSS Stars!

Our UKMidSS Stars for July to November have all gone the extra mile for UKMidSS in different ways. For July and August we thank **Allison Collins** from the Meadow Birth Centre at Worcestershire Royal Hospital and **Sarah Wedgwood** from the Midwife Led Unit at Leighton Hospital in Crewe. Both have a consistently excellent approach to keeping on top of reporting and data entry. September's 'star' is **Nicky Wilkins**, from the Midwife Led Unit at Hillingdon Hospital in Uxbridge, for her careful checking of inclusion criteria and the number of cases reported each month. For October and November **Carolyn Beaumont** from the Alexandra Birth Centre at Watford General Hospital did a great job in catching up with several months overdue reporting and made a start on data entry, and **Vivian Holmes** from the Homerton Birth Centre showed great determination in making sure she identified her 'cases' accurately. Finally we also want to especially thank **Dawn Lee** from the Midwife Led Birth Centre at the Royal Oldham Hospital, who called us for support with managing reporting and data entry and has now made a great start. All our UKMidSS stars will be receiving a little something from us in the post to say:



Thank you and well done!

Neonatal Admission Study: how is your unit doing?

Abbey Birth Centre, St Peter's Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Birth Suite, Royal Bolton Hospital	■ ●
Acorn Suite, Bedford Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Birthing Unit, Peterborough City Hospital	■ ●
Airedale Birthing Centre, Airedale General Hospital	■ ●	Midwife led birthing unit, QEH, King's Lynn	■ ●
Alexandra Birth Centre, Watford General Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Glan Clwyd Hospital	■ ●
Alongside Maternity Unit, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Hillingdon Hospital	■ ●
AMU Midwifery Suite, Ayrshire Maternity Unit	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Leighton Hospital	■ ●
Aylesbury Birth Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Lister Hospital	■ ●
Barnet Birth Centre, Barnet Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Liverpool Women's Hospital	■ ●
Barratt Birth Centre, Northampton General Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Newham Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Aspen Ward, Darent Valley Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Royal Hallamshire Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Birmingham Women's Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Russells Hall Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Croydon University Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Singleton Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Epsom Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Victoria Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Warrington Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, North Middlesex Hospital	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Wrexham Maelor Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow	■ ●	Midwife Led Unit, Ysbyty Gwynedd	■ ●
Birth Centre, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital	■ ●	Midwifery Led Birth Unit, University Hospital of Wales	■ ●
Birth Centre, St Helier Hospital, Carshalton	■ ●	Midwifery Led Birthing Unit, Luton & Dunstable Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Whittington Hospital, Highgate	■ ●	Midwifery Led Unit, Altnagelvin Area Hospital	■ ●
Birth Centre, Wythenshawe Hospital	■ ●	Midwifery Led Unit, Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry	■ ●
Birth Unit, Gloucestershire Royal Hospital	■ ●	Midwifery Led Unit, New Cross Hospital	■ ●
Birthing Centre, Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health	■ ●	Midwifery Led Unit, South West Acute Hospital	■ ●
Birthing Unit, Broomfield Hospital	■ ●	Midwifery Led Unit, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester	■ ●
Birthing Unit, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital	■ ●	Midwifery Led Unit, St Michael's Hospital, Bristol	■ ●
Birthing Unit, East Surrey Hospital, Redhill	■ ●	Midwifery-led Birthing Unit, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital	■ ●
Birthing Unit, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	■ ●	Midwifery-led Unit, Countess of Chester Hospital	■ ●
Birthing Unit, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow	■ ●	Midwifery-led Unit, Craigavon Area Hospital	■ ●
Birthing Unit, West Suffolk Hospital	■ ●	Midwifery-led Unit, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport	■ ●
Bluebell Birth Centre, North Manchester General Hospital	■ ●	Mulberry Birth Centre, Frimley Park Hospital	■ ●
Bracken Birth Centre, Musgrove Park Hospital	■ ●	Natural Birth Centre, West Middlesex University Hospital	■ ●
Bradford Birth Centre, Bradford Royal Infirmary	■ ●	New Beginnings, Southend Hospital	■ ●
Broadlands Birth Centre, Princess Anne Hospital	■ ●	Newcastle Birthing Centre, Royal Victoria Infirmary	■ ●
Bronglais MLU, Aberystwyth	■ ●	Northumbria Birthing Centre	■ ●
Brook Birth Centre, Ipswich Hospital	■ ●	Oasis Birthing Centre, Princess Royal University Hospital	■ ●
Burnley Birth Centre, Burnley General Hospital	■ ●	Orchard Birth Centre, Leicester Royal Infirmary	■ ●
Calderdale Birth Centre, Calderdale Royal Hospital	■ ●	Oxford Spires Midwifery-led Unit, The John Radcliffe Hospital	■ ●
Carmen Suite, St George's Hospital, Tooting	■ ●	Pinderfields Birth Centre, Wakefield	■ ●
Chesterfield Birth Centre, Chesterfield Royal Hospital	■ ●	Preston Birth Centre, Royal Preston Hospital	■ ●
Chichester Birth Centre, St Richard's Hospital	■ ●	Primrose Midwifery-led Birthing Suite, Hinchingbrooke Hospital	■ ●
Community Maternity Unit, Royal Alexandra Hospital	■ ●	Queen's Birth Centre, Queen's Hospital	■ ●
Derby Birth Centre, Royal Derby Hospital	■ ●	Rosie Birth Centre, The Rosie Hospital	■ ●
Dolphin Suite, James Paget University Hospital	■ ●	Rushey Birth Centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital	■ ●
Eden Suite, Wirral Women and Children's Hospital	■ ●	Sanctuary Birth Centre, Nottingham City	■ ●
EGA Birth Centre, University College Hospital	■ ●	Sanctuary Birth Centre, Nottingham QMC	■ ●
Exeter Low Risk Birth Unit, Royal Devon and Exeter	■ ●	Serenity Birth Centre, City Hospital, Birmingham	■ ●
Fylde Coast Birth Centre, Victoria Hospital	■ ●	Singleton Midwife-led Unit, William Harvey Hospital	■ ●
Glangwili MLU, Carmarthen	■ ●	St Mary's Birth Centre, Paddington	■ ●
Greenwich Birth Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital	■ ●	St Peter's Midwife Led Unit, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital	■ ●
Haven Birthing Suite, Poole Hospital	■ ●	Stockport Birth Centre, Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport	■ ●
Heath Birth Centre, Royal Free Hospital	■ ●	Tair Afon Birth Centre, Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr	■ ●
Home from Home Birth Centre, St Thomas' Hospital	■ ●	The Birth Place, Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham	■ ●
Home from Home MLU, Royal Surrey County Hospital	■ ●	Tirion Birth Centre, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant	■ ●
Home from Home Unit, Ulster Hospital, Belfast	■ ●	White Horse Birth Centre, The Great Western Hospital, Swindon	■ ●
Homerton Birth Centre, Homerton University Hospital	■ ●	Willow Suite, Basildon University Hospital	■ ●
Juno Suite, Colchester General Hospital	■ ●	Willow Suite, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital	■ ●
Lewisham Birth Centre, University Hospital	■ ●	Wrekin MLU, Princess Royal Hospital, Telford	■ ●
Lilac Birth Centre, Whipps Cross University Hospital	■ ●		
Lotus Birth Centre, Royal London Hospital	■ ●		
Lucina Birth Centre, University Hospital, Coventry	■ ●		
Malden Suite, Kingston Hospital	■ ●		
Marton Suite, James Cook University Hospital	■ ●		
Mary Rose Birth Centre, Queen Alexandra Hospital	■ ●		
Meadow Birth Centre, Worcestershire Royal Hospital	■ ●		
Meadows Birth Centre, Leicester General Hospital	■ ●		
Mendip Birth Suite, Southmead Hospital	■ ●		
Midwife Birth Centre, Royal Stoke University Hospital	■ ●		
Midwife Led Birth Centre, The Royal Oldham Hospital	■ ●		

Key

Monthly reporting

■ Complete

■ 1-3 months outstanding

■ >3 months outstanding

Data entry

● Complete/no cases reported

● Some forms not yet complete

● Not yet started/no reports

Welcome Paula...

We are very excited to announce that we will very shortly have a new addition to the UKMidSS team. From the 1st of January Paula Jenkins will be joining us as the UKMidSS Research Midwife. Here Paula introduces herself and explains her new role.

Hello everyone. I'm really pleased to introduce myself as the newest member of the UKMidSS team. I'm a midwife by background, with experience of working in wide range of birth settings. I'm also a qualified nurse and a former Supervisor of Midwives.

Most recently I've been working as a Research Nurse at the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit on a neonatal drug trial. Over the past four years this role has taken me the length and breadth of the UK, visiting sites and staff, teaching and supporting local research teams with trial activities.

For UKMidSS I will be providing phone and email support to UKMidSS reporters, helping people navigate our reporting and data entry systems, to make sure that reporting and data entry are completed in a timely and accurate way. I will also be supporting Rachel with publications, reports and meetings, including the Study Day next year. In short, I will be the main point of contact for all things UKMidSS!

I'm really looking forward to working with you all, so please don't hesitate to call or email and introduce yourselves, and I will be in touch with each of you very soon no doubt. From 1st January you will be able to reach me on the general UKMidSS email ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk

And thank you Pam!

Many of you will have noticed that Pam White has been responding to your UKMidSS email and phone queries over the past few months. Pam stepped in to help us with UKMidSS in May to cover gaps in support, on top of the many other jobs she is responsible for here at the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit. With the appointment of Paula, Pam will no longer be involved with UKMidSS so this is a great opportunity to say thank you to Pam for doing such a great job in sometimes difficult circumstances!



UKMidSS Study Day – take two!

Those of you who attended our Study Day last year in Birmingham will know that it was a really inspirational day – many of you asked if we could do it again. If you weren't able to come please do take a look at the report and slides on our website <https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukmidss/study-day>. We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our second Study Day in October 2018. As before, it will be an interactive day, with opportunities to hear about results of UKMidSS studies, get involved in plans for future studies and hear from a range of exciting speakers. More details and a date will follow early next year so please keep an eye out for these in future newsletters.



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