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## Exomphalos Study

Following the call for a Consultant Clinical Advisor to assist with the Exomphalos study, we are pleased to announce that Professor Mark Davenport, King's College Hospital, has been appointed.

The Exomphalos study is due to begin data collection in March 2014.

### Study Aims

- To estimate the incidence of infants live-born with exomphalos in the UK and Ireland
- To describe the current management and outcomes of infants with exomphalos born in the UK and Ireland
- To assess the burden of co-morbidities found in these infants to identify a cost-effective postnatal screening protocol
- To inform plans for further research into the surgical management of this condition
- To work towards developing an evidence-based postnatal care pathway for infants born with exomphalos

**Surveillance Period:** March 2014 – February 2015

**Case Definition:** Any live-born infant with herniation of abdominal content through the umbilical ring, the contents being covered by a membrane. This membrane may have been ruptured at the time of delivery.

**Investigators:** Anna-May Long, NPEU; Mark Davenport, King's College Hospital, Marian Knight, NPEU



## Parental Advisory Group Meeting – Abdominal Wall Defects



On Friday 24th of January we held the first of what we hope will be many parental advisory group meetings. This allowed parents to have a direct input into informing our research and will allow findings to be disseminated to those with first-hand experience of having a baby diagnosed with an abdominal wall defect. The day was well attended and proved a valuable and interesting experience for all. A wide-ranging discussion took place that outlined very different experiences of abdominal wall defects and generated plenty of ideas

for further work. We received extremely positive feedback about the day from parents who were very interested to hear about the work that has been done by BAPS-CASS and is planned in the future. Parents also greatly valued the opportunity to meet other families with similar experiences. We aim to have a similar meeting with the same group early next year. If you know of any parents who would be interested in participating, please let us know.

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 The Children's University Hospital, Dublin  
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 Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford  
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 St George's Hospital, London  
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 King's College Hospital, London  
 Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds  
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## Case report summary for cases reported up until January 2014

Condition	Cases Reported	Forms returned	Confirmed Cases	Unconfirmed Cases	Duplicate Cases
Hirschsprung's Disease	333	304 (91)	280 (92)	24 (8)	5 (2)
Hirschsprung's Disease 1yr Forms	279	242 (87)	242 (100)	0 (0)	0
Meconium Ileus	49	27 (55)	20 (74)	7 (26)	0
Necrotising Enterocolitis	232	122 (53)	97 (80)	22 (18)	3 (2)

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