

Winter Newsletter

The days are finally getting longer and hopefully we will start seeing some signs of spring soon. A big well done to all the midwives who managed to get through the winter babies and the winter pressure on the NHS.



Happy International Year of the Nurse and Midwife

In honour of the bicentenary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the World Health Organisation has declared **2020** as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.



Previous PPH Study: We still need some data!

As you will be aware, we finished active reporting and data collection for the Previous PPH Study in May 2019 and we really want to get on with analysis. As a reminder, in this study we're investigating outcomes for women who had a postpartum haemorrhage in a previous pregnancy and are admitted for labour care in a midwifery unit.

We are still missing some data and we really need **one last push** to complete it. If you missed some monthly reports please can you complete them? If you have not already been in touch with us about completing this data entry, or are unsure on how to proceed, please email ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk.

Units with outstanding reports or data

Truro Birth Centre, Royal Cornwall Hospital

The Birth Centre, Whittington Hospital

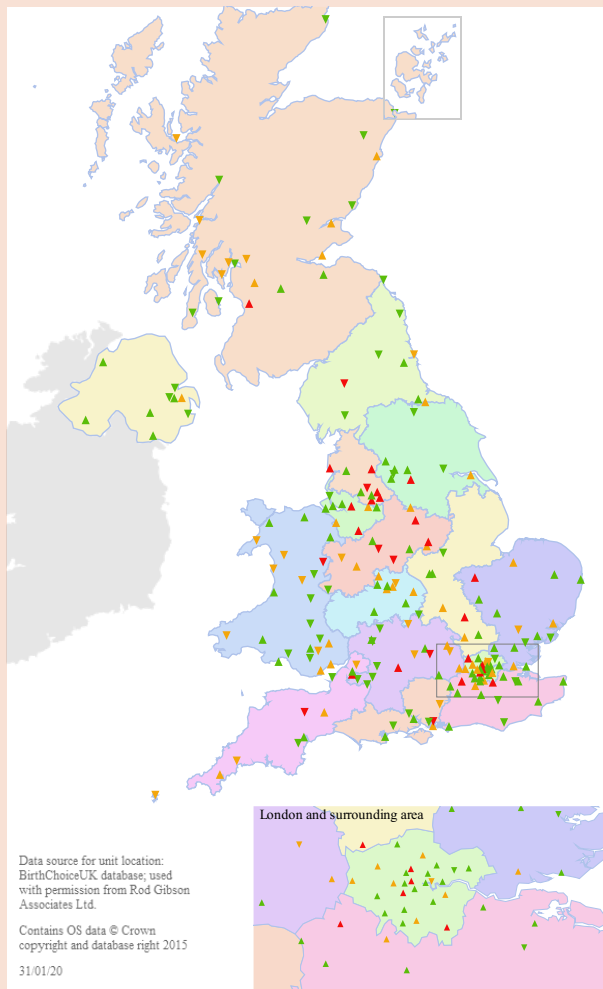
Bradford Birth Centre, Bradford Royal Infirmary

Burnley Birth Centre, Burnley General Hospital

The Carmen Suite, St George's Hospital

PPH Study: Reporting and data entry

We've made a great start to the PPH Study, especially considering that we welcomed around 90 freestanding units to UKMidSS, but some units have been slower than others to get up to speed with reporting. There are still 21 units that have agreed to take part, but have not yet sent a monthly report. Please check the map and the list alongside and get in touch if you need help.



Abbey Birth Centre - St Peter's Hospital

Alexandra Birth Centre - Watford General Hospital

AMU Midwifery Suite - University Hospital Crosshouse

Burnley Birth Centre - Burnley General Hospital

Chesterfield Birth Centre - Chesterfield Royal Hospital

Fylde Coast Birth Centre - Victoria Hospital

Midwife Led Unit - Warrington Hospital

The Acorn Suite - Bedford Hospital

The Birth Centre - Whittington Hospital

The EGA Birth Centre - University College London Hospital

The Maternity Led Unit - Tameside General Hospital

The Midwife Led Birth Centre - The Royal Oldham Hospital

The Midwife Led Birthing Unit - Peterborough City Hospital

The Midwife Led Unit - Leighton Hospital

The Midwifery Led Unit - Samuel Johnson Community Hospital

The Midwifery Led Unit - St Michael's Hospital

Penrith Birthing Centre - Penrith Community Hospital

Pinderfields Birth Centre - Pinderfields Hospital

Portsmouth Maternity Centre - St Mary's Community Health Campus

Sanctuary Birth Centre - Nottingham University Hospital City Campus

Tiverton Birth Unit - Tiverton Birth Unit

Please remember...

Don't
forget

... even if you have no cases to report we still need you to tell us that, and we also need to know about the **number of women who gave birth** in your unit as well as the number of **PPHs!** This is very important so that we can work out how often PPH requiring obstetric input occurs in midwifery units.

Also....Remember that we need actual data for each CASE and CONTROL. Don't let it build up or you could find yourself needing to retrieve massive amounts of notes.

UKMidSS Awards

Our UKMidSS stars for this winter are those reporters who have caught up with all their reporting backlog and/or have responded promptly to our emails. A big well done to **Katie Bernard from Bradford Birth Centre at Bradford Royal Infirmary** for her massive effort in clearing the data backlog. A big thank you to **Susanna Colwood, from the Chichester Birth Centre, Romie Rice, from The Juno Suite at Colchester General Hospital and Susan Meadows, from The Birthing Unit at East Surrey Hospital.** They have been really responsive to our emails and have also completed all their outstanding reports. Thank you to all other midwives who have finished reporting and data entry! Your efforts do not go unnoticed.



PPH study- Back to basics – help us help you!

We get lots of queries about whether a woman is a case or not. That's fine, we are here to help, and we'd much rather you check than waste time entering data for a woman who isn't eligible, but here's a reminder about cases and controls.

CASE:

- A woman who has a **PPH** requiring transfer to obstetric unit or obstetric care, irrespective of blood loss volume.
- Includes women where PPH was a secondary reason for transfer (e.g. PPH in the context of retained placenta or perineal trauma)
- Woman **does** have to give birth in the midwifery unit, and **PPH needs to occur in the midwifery unit**, irrespective of type of delivery. If transferred before birth she should **not** be reported as a case.

CONTROL:

- The woman who gave birth immediately before the CASE.



If there are two women who are CASES one after the other, the first case cannot be a control. You will have to identify the two women who gave birth immediately before the two CASES.



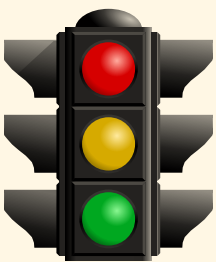
I can't see my PPH Study cases in OpenClinica

Site	Enrolled	Expected Enrollment	Percentage
PH 000 Removed Subjects	2	100	2%

Event Status	# of Events	Percentage	Study Subject Status
scheduled	0	0%	available
data entry started	3	75%	signed

If you were reporting for the Previous PPH Study or you report for more than one centre, you can select the appropriate study/site in OpenClinica by clicking on the blue Change Study/Site text at the top of the screen.

Red messages and flags in OpenClinica



If you see a red message or red flag pop up in OpenClinica when you enter some data please add a note to explain. This usually happens when you save missing data or if you enter data that is outside the range we would expect, e.g. if a CASE or a CONTROL has BMI>35, maternal age <16, preterm delivery, or if a CONTROL has an EBL >500ml. If you add a note this help us to close the query without getting in touch with you to check. There is information about how to do this in your Guide for UKMIDSS Reporters in your white UKMIDSS folder, or check with us if you're not sure!

UKMidSS Emergency Equipment and Protocols Survey

Many of you will have received an email inviting you to take part in this survey, which we are working on with Israeli midwife and MSc student, Michal (Rosie) Meroz. We sent invitations to one reporter per unit so if you haven't received an invite don't worry, but please check that one of your fellow reporters has received it and responded. This is an important piece of work which we plan to be following up next year in more depth with another student, so please do respond on behalf of your unit. As with all studies and surveys a high response rate is incredibly important! If you can't find the original email please let us know and we can resend it.



And thank you to everyone who helped pilot the survey – your feedback was really helpful!

Update contact details

Since UKMidSS started and reporting sites were set up, there have been many staff changes. Please, remember to let us know when a reporter is leaving your unit. In addition, please inform us if the Head of Midwifery or other key staff are changing. We can then update our database of contacts and make sure that the correct people receive communications in a timely way.

CPD certificates

If you require a CPD certificate for your revalidation, please get in touch! Being a UKMidSS reporter means that you are contributing to national audit and research. You can drop us an email at

ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk

Introducing the new UKMidSS Research Midwife - Alessandra Morelli

We are excited to announce a new addition to the UKMidSS team. From the 6th of January, Alessandra joined us as the UKMidSS Research Midwife. Here Alessandra introduces herself and explains her new role.



Hello everyone. I am really excited about this new role with the UKMidSS team!

I am a midwife by background and I have worked in a research manager role at King's College London for a year and a half, where I supported research studies around digital innovation in sexual health. As such, I have experience of setting up studies, collecting and analysing data, writing reports and also financial management of research projects. I still work at King's College Hospital as a bank clinical midwife and I also provide online clinical support for SH:24, an online sexual health provider. I have previously worked as a clinical midwife for University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, and at Imperial College London as a preterm research midwife. In addition, I am member of the UK-Med register as a data manager, where I am on call two months a year to provide support in case of sudden onset disasters worldwide.

For UKMidSS, I will be providing phone and email support for reporters and help ensure that reporting and data entry are accurate and completed in a timely way. I will also be supporting Rachel with reports, papers and meetings.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and please don't hesitate to get in touch with me! You can reach me on the general UKMidSS email ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk.



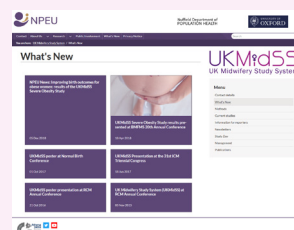
And thank you Pam!

Many of you will already know Pam White from her previous involvement with the UKMidSS team. Pam stepped in to help us whilst we appointed a new research midwife and has been responding to your UKMidSS email and phone queries over the past couple of months.

Thank you Pam for doing such a great job!

UKMidSS study folder

Alessandra recently sent out some of our study folders to new centres. Please, get in touch with her if a folder is missing from your unit. She will be happy to provide you with a new one. And remember, most of the information you need is also available on our website www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukmidss



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