



### Newsletter 9 - May 2018



## The UKMidSS Big Push for delivery of Reports and Data

This Newsletter is unashamedly adorned with weddings bells and babies, both of which feature frequently in many midwives' lives both personally and professionally. This year alone will have seen the marriage of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, the birth of baby boy Louis to Prince William and Kate and the birth of Paula's own first enormous (9lb13oz) granddaughter Anna (Maggie) at Nottingham QMC where she and her parents received the most excellent care from the midwives and doctors there! Congratulations if you are celebrating similar joyous times this season!

Now, turning your attention to the ongoing 'delivery' of reports and data entry, the Neonatal Admission Study phase ended in March 2018. All reports for the 12 month period are now due in as a matter of urgency. At the time of writing

this newsletter, 85% of participating sites had submitted their 12 months of reports which is excellent progress. However, (and we know this is challenging and tiring) we urgently need ALL sites to report ALL cases and enter ALL data with ALL speed. **Push hard please!**

In this Newsletter, Rachel Rowe announces the next UKMidSS study. We expect many questions about this and much interest from our sites. More information and detail will follow via emails to site reporters and Heads of Midwifery.

Also, on a lighter note, our Meet the Team feature was well received in the last Newsletter and so this time we have interviewed our technologically minded colleagues Andy and Dave, who provide an alternative and humorous view of the world of men working 'well' together.



Please complete your UKMidSS Neonatal Admission reports and data entry because..... Babies are worth it!

This is Maggie Jenkins born 23/02/2018 at QMC, feeling rather tired I suspect.

We had a request from UKMidSS reporter Helen Russell at The Exeter Low Risk Birth Unit. She is reviewing the raised maternal age policy at the unit and is seeking information about different unit policies for continuous monitoring in labour for women aged over 40. Please email Helen Russell on: [helenrussell2@nhs.net](mailto:helenrussell2@nhs.net)



## Neonatal Admission Study: Reporting and Data entry

All participating sites have submitted at least one report. Thank you for this. Most sites have done much more!

**Data Entry required from these sites please!**

**The Acorn Suite Bedford Hospital**

**The Birth Centre Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny**

**The Birth Centre St Helier Hospital, Carshalton**

**The Birthing Unit Chelsea and Westminster Hospital**

**Midwife Led Unit Warrington Hospital**

**The Marton Suite James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough**

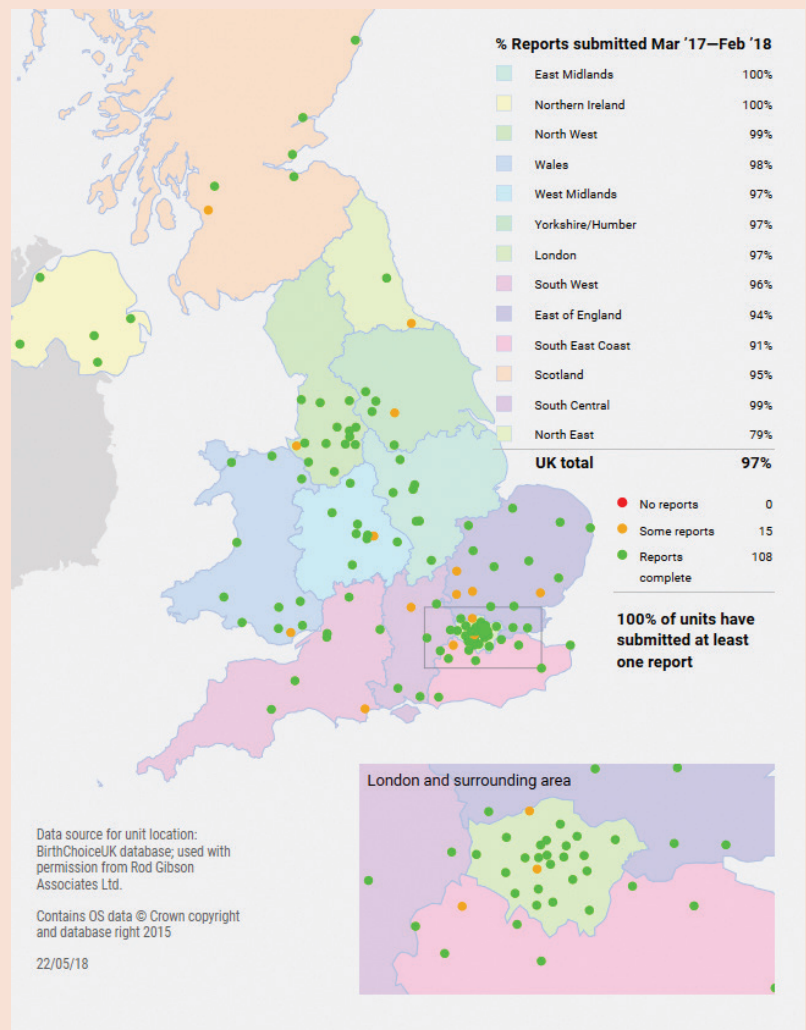
**The Midwifery Led Birthing Unit Luton & Dunstable Hospital**

**The Midwifery-led Unit Craigavon Area Hospital**

**Tirion Birth Centre Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant**

**The Willow Suite Birmingham Heartlands Hospital**

**Wrekin Midwife Led Unit Princess Royal Hospital, Telford**



**Please note we require ALL data entry to be completed by 1st July 2018. The sites above have not yet entered any data at the time of writing this newsletter.**

**Remember:** Any reported cases and the two associated controls ALL require data entry. This is entered via OpenClinica using your personal log-in details. A few sites listed have been in touch with Paula at UKMidSS for additional support to get started. Thank you! Please do contact Paula if you require new log-ins or you have no idea how to use OpenClinica and need one-to-one phone support to get started. If you are on this list, please get in touch!



## UKMidSS Study Day Update

Thank you to those midwives who advised us in a timely way that our free UKMidSS study day was going to clash with the RCM Conference! We booked it before the RCM dates were announced. Thankfully there was time to be able to change the booking, so the event will now take place on December 6th 2018 in Birmingham. UKMidSS reporters should all have received an email informing of this change. Further details and a means of registration will be sent out in August. We look forward to meeting many of you then and sharing an informative day.

## UKMidSS Previous PPH Study

We are very pleased to be able to announce that the next UKMidSS Study will investigate outcomes in women who had a postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) in a previous pregnancy who are admitted for labour care in a midwifery unit. We hope that the UKMidSS Previous PPH Study will start on 1st July – so your reporting email on 1st August 2018 will ask you to report on cases for this new study.

We are busy working on the case definition, protocol and data collection forms, and will be refining these with the UKMidSS Steering Group over the next couple of months. In the meantime, so you can start thinking about how you will identify cases for this study, here's a very brief

summary. Please look out for further updates by email and contact the UKMidSS office if you have any questions.

**Aim:** This study aims to investigate maternal characteristics, care during labour and birth, and maternal and neonatal outcomes in women who have had a PPH in a previous pregnancy and who are admitted for labour care in a midwifery unit, with a view to informing women's decision-making and midwifery care planning.

**Study period:** 1st July 2018 – 31st March 2019

**Case definition:** Any woman with a PPH in a previous pregnancy and admitted for labour care in an AMU.

## Recent UKMidSS Biscuit “Belles”

Big Thank You's go to reporters at the Meadows Birth Centre and Orchard Birth Centre in Leicester for an extremely focused effort to catch up on a large back-log of reports and make a great start on their data entry.

Also, thanks go to Sophie Tebbutt at Nottingham QMC, who has brought their reporting up to date and completed all data entry.

Teri Gavin-Jones at Juno Suite, Colchester has overcome her data entry battle and is gaining good ground. **Well Done Teri!**

These sites receive some scrummy biscuits in the post.

We know you are extremely busy midwives and we really wish to thank you ALL for the continued commitment, contribution and good humour with which you tackle your UKMidSS study work.



## Calling Northern Ireland Midwives!

We are currently seeking a Head of Midwifery, Consultant Midwife or other senior midwife from Northern Ireland, with experience of working in or managing midwifery units, to join our multi-disciplinary UKMidSS Steering Group. The Steering Group meets face-to-face once a year in Oxford, with one or two additional annual teleconferences, and provides overall strategic direction and governance for the programme. The Group discusses and agrees new UKMidSS studies and data collection forms, and advises on analysis and interpretation of results.

Applications will be considered against the following criteria.

- Evidence of contributing to UKMidSS at a local level, for example returning monthly reports and completing data entry;
- Experience of forging links within and beyond your professional group and with wider multi-disciplinary teams;
- Research or audit experience in maternity care;
- Experience of committee work (local or national).

For an informal discussion about the role please contact Paula Jenkins, UKMidSS Research Midwife ([ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk)) or Rachel Rowe, Head of UKMidSS ([rachel.rowe@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.rowe@npeu.ox.ac.uk)). If you would like to apply, please submit a two page CV and a short covering letter stating why you would like to be considered for the role to [ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk), by Monday 18th June.



Andy King

## Paula interviews two senior programmers at NPEU

Andy King and Dave Murray are our senior programmers at NPEU. They sit opposite each other and both contribute to UKMidSS.

Andy & Dave, Thank you for talking to me so I can share with our reporters something interesting and light hearted about the UKMidSS team.



Dave Murray

**Q:** Can you tell me a bit about what specific work you do for UKMidSS?

**A:** **Andy:** I provide minimal support to the fantastic team of Dave & Richard.

**Dave:** I Design, develop and manage the clinical database OpenClinica and and make sure everyone has log-in details.

**Q:** Andy, you have 2 older children. Do you ever give Dave some 'over the desk' friendly advice on bringing up his young child and what sort of tips would they be?

**A:** **Andy:** I wouldn't describe any of my comments as "advice", but I do occasionally share happy/painful memories, and I suspect Dave has picked up some ideas on what not to do!

**Q:** Dave, you have a young daughter. Does Andy ever give you advice on being a father or do you sometimes advise him, and what about?

**A:** **Dave:** Yes, but being a new parent my memory is not what it was, so I can't remember the advice.

**Q:** I see you both as very knowledgeable and responsible in IT and technology, and very happy to be in front of a computer screen a lot at work. Do you have views on how much time children should spend on electronic devices?

**A:** **Andy:** I do, but sadly attempts to encourage my children to spend more time on other activities have met with limited success.

**Dave:** It's not just children, adults spend far too much time on electronic devices as well.

**Q:** If you were to cook Dave/Andy a meal, what would you cook him?

**A:** **Andy:** I could probably manage fish fingers, mash and spaghetti hoops.

**Dave:** A Haribo buffet

**Q:** What would be your favourite meal and your nightmare meal?

**A:** **Andy:** Favourite - poppadoms, lamb green masala & naan bread from my local takeaway, followed by a large bag of Tangfastics. Nightmare - anything involving large quantities of salad or vegetables

**Dave:** Favourite - Roast dinner, Nightmare - anything with cucumber in

**Q:** If you were stranded on a desert island alone what would be your greatest survival skill?

**A:** **Andy:** Nothing to declare here

**Dave:** My muffin top

**Q:** What piece of music would you most like to have with you on this desert island?

**A:** **Andy:** Barwick Green (theme music for The Archers) (If it was a "dessert" island, I would enjoy eating it!)

**Dave:** When the levee breaks - Led Zeppelin

**Q:** Do you ever watch Call the Midwife?

**A:** **Andy:** Never!

**Dave:** No



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