

Maternity Improvement Plan

Introduction

The purpose of the maternity improvement plan is to respond to an external review of maternity services that took place in 2014, ensure alignment with best practice and also to integrate learning from the Kirkup investigation into Morecambe Bay Foundation Trust. It is recognised as a continuous improvement document and with Incident Management Group approval may be subject to adjustment to best reflect the needs of the families we serve.

This document aims to outline how the Trust will implement the changes necessary as a result of the incidents and subsequent investigation that took place. The document will provide an overview of the high level targets and milestones that we will achieve as a Trust over the coming year.

From the external review twelve recommendations were made:

1. Staffing issues where safety is compromised must be appropriately escalated, and must include involvement of the duty Supervisor of Midwives.
2. Managers must ensure that the process for escalating concerns is clear.
3. The process for employing and managing locum doctors should be reviewed.
4. The directorate should review its management of obesity in pregnancy, labour and the postnatal period, and that guidelines are appropriately implemented.
5. All serious incident reports should be 'quality checked' before submission, to ensure that the root cause clearly established.
6. Recommendations made by the serious incident review panel must be clear and unambiguous.
7. Where individual failings have been identified, the reports must demonstrate that training/educational needs have been considered.
8. Senior managers must ensure that training / educational needs are addressed where leadership has failed.
9. Serious incident reviews must be signed off by a nominated senior manager from the appropriate specialty.
10. The directorate should ensure that all mandatory training is up to date for all disciplines of staff, including record keeping and interpretation of CTG.
11. All available methods should be used to ensure that standards of documentation are improved where necessary.

12. The Trust must be assured that a robust system is in place to ensure the regular and timely review, implementation and audit of guidelines in accordance with Trust policy.

What have we done to ensure improvement?

We have developed and commenced implementation of this specific and targeted service improvement plan to meet all of the recommendations put forward from the external review, and to deliver best practice.

The aim of the improvement plan is to increase the levels of care, safety and quality throughout the whole of Maternity services through:

- Ensuring all Staff, Obstetricians, Midwives and support staff are well trained.
- Ensuring clinical guidance is robust and followed providing a safe and sustainable maternity service.
- If incidents occur, we learn from them and are open and transparent with families, ensuring that we meet our Duty of Candour requirements.
- Ensuring that if a Serious Incident (SI) should occur, the process that follows is in line with the new national framework.

The Maternity Improvement Plan was developed based on these themes and linked to the Care Quality Commissioning (CQC) five key questions they ask to measure quality of services:

- **Are they safe?** (Are people are protected from abuse and avoidable harm?)
- **Are they effective?** (Does our care, treatment and support achieve good outcomes, promote quality of life, and are based on the best available evidence?)
- **Are they caring?** (Do staff involve and treat people with compassion, kindness, dignity and respect?).
- **Are they responsive to people's needs?** (Are services are organised so that they meet people's needs?)
- **Are they well-led?** (Leadership, management and governance of the organisation assures the delivery of high-quality person-centred care, supports learning and innovation, and promotes an open and fair culture).

How we are going to implement our improvement plan

The plan will be delivered by:

- Increased patient safety through better quality care provision.
- Ensuring best practice is adhered to by robust auditing, evaluation and lessons learned.
- Benchmarking and setting standards of care levels in order to continually improve.

- Developing robust training programmes to ensure all clinical staff have the skills and experience required to provide the highest level of care.
- Conducting continual patient feedback exercises to ensure the service provided meets the needs of patients and their families.
- Embedding service improvement methodology to facilitate continual update and improvement of services.
- Integrating services across the Trust to ensure a smooth patient pathway and flow through the NHS system of care.
- Incorporating project management tools and techniques so as to assure the changes are implemented successfully.
- Continuous and on-going implementation of the Service Improvement Plan.

The full and detailed improvement plan is attached.

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Key

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DT Directorate Triumvirate

Evidence Levels

Level 1 - document/policy generation
Level 2 - implementation/communication/roll-out
Level 3 - evaluation audit and testing

<p>Update:</p> <p>General - Need to align this plan, the exception reports and the Risk log (DG)</p> <p>Safe</p> <p>1.1 - RCA Training workshop title updated</p> <p>1.1c - 11 places to allocate; Cath Nee to work with Matrons to draw up list of names for next course</p> <p>1.2 - To go to Trust Board for final ratification</p> <p>1.3 - Cathy Trinick to discuss with Jon Lenney regarding timescales</p> <p>1.3c - Pulse check to be re-opened.</p> <p>1.4c - Collating feedback until the end of June. Sign insheets / minutes to CO'L.</p> <p>1.5c - Midwifery complete. Paediatric and Neonatal medical not yet complete. O&G Trust doctors complete. Working timescales described.</p> <p>1.5d - Weekly monitoring meeting to be set up; DG to send the TOR to CN</p> <p>1.6c - Process reviewed. Draft feedback letters ready. Evidence to be logged (letters, profoma). Discussion that potentially not sufficiently reviewed. ?T&F group.</p> <p>Better use of the Feedback function on Safeguard.</p> <p>2.1b/c - Still being tested.</p> <p>2.1d - To review in light of live operational testing 12/06/2015; potential lessons to learn from this event</p> <p>2.1f - Set up after action review of major escalations (e.g. divers)</p> <p>3.1a/b - Check with CO'L JK</p> <p>3.1c - Closed</p> <p>4.2a - Completed, however, queries raised at IMG which cannot be answered completely from the Audit data set collected. To be highlighted as risk.</p> <p>5.1f - CTG Training to be included on the TOR for this group</p> <p>5.1n - Update on training position given.</p> <p>7.1c - Evidence required changed from '1' to '3'. To map appraisal / TNA / rotational patterns together. Exception report and extension to be requested.</p> <p>7.1d - Closed. Evidence to be logged</p> <p>Caring</p> <p>5.1b - Audit of specific cases where transfer has occurred to see if communication is working well.</p> <p>Effective</p> <p>1.1e - Agreed to remain annually. Log TNA into evidence. Issue to be resolved around training capacity.</p> <p>1.4d - DG to check with GH regarding any feedback from the initial feedback sessions to be added to the plan. Analysis of the submissions from the online submission.</p> <p>Responsive</p> <p>1.1a - DG to pick up with MM.</p> <p>Well Led</p> <p>1.1b - To discuss at GOLD.</p> <p>1.1o - Extension agreed. National paper just been published.</p>
