

Maternity Services: NHS Resolution Maternity Incentive Scheme Year 5 Public Board

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Our Annual Commitments for 2023/24 are:	
Effectively develop and deploy new assets (buildings, equipment, IT)	✓
Reduce healthcare associated infections	✓
Improve staff retention	✓
Deliver the financial plan	✓
Reduce average length of stay by 0.5 days per patient	✓
Achieve the Access Targets for Patients	✓
Support a culture of research	✓

Risk Appetite Framework				
Level 1 Risk	(✓)	Level 2 Risks	(Risk Appetite Scale)	Impact
Workforce Risk		Workforce Supply Risk - We will deliver safe and effective patient care through having adequate systems and processes in place to ensure the Trust has access to appropriate levels of workforce supply.	Cautious	Moving Towards
Operational Risk		Business Continuity Risk - We will develop and maintain stable and resilient services, operating to consistently high levels of performance.	Minimal	Moving Towards
Clinical Risk		Patient Safety & Outcomes Risk - We will provide high quality services to patients and manage risks that could limit the ability	Minimal	Moving Towards

		to achieve safe and effective care for our patients.		
Financial Risk		Financial Management & WRP - We will deliver sound financial management and reporting for the Trust, aiming to at least break even, with no material variances to forecast.	Minimal	Moving Towards
External Risk		Regulatory Risk - We will comply with or exceed all regulations, retain its CQC registration and always operate within the law.	Averse	Moving Towards

Key points	
1. LTHT maternity services have met full compliance with all 10 Safety actions identified in the Maternity Incentive Scheme Year 5 and will be declaring compliance to NHSR following Board sign off on the 1 st of February 2024.	Information
2. Compliance must be reviewed and endorsed by the Trust Board / local Maternity Commissioners	Information
3. The purpose of this paper is to provide assurance that all ten safety actions have been met.	Information

1. Summary

This paper provides information and assurance to the Trust Board in relation to compliance with the fifth year of the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) Incentive Scheme for Maternity. The scheme offers a financial rebate of up to 10% of the maternity premium for Trusts that demonstrate progress against the 10 safety actions of the scheme. This paper provides information and assurance to the Trust Board that the NHS Resolution (NHSR) Maternity Incentive Scheme year 5 standards have been met.

LTHT maternity services have received external assurance regarding the quality and safety of the service by the CQC. The CQC inspected the safe and well-led domains of maternity services at Leeds General Infirmary on 31st of May 2023 and at St James' University Hospital on 1st of June 2023 as part of the national maternity inspection programme. The Trust also submitted information requested via a maternity focused data request. The final report was published on the 16th of August 2023. The CQC rated the service **good** for safe and **good** for well-led at both LGI and SJUH.

An assurance visit was undertaken on the 1st of November 2023 led by the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Local Maternity and Neonatal System (WY&H LMNS), with support from West Yorkshire ICB PLACE leads, a Chief Nurse from a neighbouring trust and the regional maternity voices partnership (MVP) lead. The aim of the visit was to gain insight and assurance of safe, effective, and responsive Maternity & Neonatal services. The overall summary from the visit stated that there was a clear commitment to safety, managing risk, learning, quality improvement and maternity transformation.

In late 2015, the Department of Health announced a new ambition to reduce the rate of stillbirths, neonatal and maternal deaths in England by 50% by 2030. Saving Babies Lives care bundle (SBL)

was introduced in 2016 as a package of care that could be implemented at scale to reduce stillbirth and early neonatal death rates in England to support with achieving the ambition of the Department of Health outlined above. Version 3 of the Saving Babies Lives care bundle was published on 31st of May 2023. Progress towards compliance with the care bundle is reviewed at the Leeds Perinatal Quality Surveillance meeting with representation from the West Yorkshire and Harrogate LMNS and West Yorkshire ICB. External validation of the evidence is carried out by both parties. LTHT have exceeded the national trajectories set to demonstrate ongoing compliance and improvements with all 6 elements of the bundle.

The Perinatal Quadrumvirate (Clinical Director, Head of Midwifery, General Manager and Neonatal Lead clinician) are undertaking the national Perinatal Culture and Leadership Programme (PCLP). The PCLP is designed to support leaders and teams to create and craft the conditions for a positive culture of safety and continuous improvement.

2. Background

Year 5 of the Maternity Incentive Scheme (MIS) was originally published on the 31st of May 2023. Following publication, several queries were received and NHR worked collaboratively with partner organisations to review and make revisions where appropriate to safety actions 1, 3 6,7,8,9 and 10. The revised document published in July 2023 can be viewed at [MISyear5-update-July-2023.pdf \(resolution.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/resolution.nhs.uk/MISyear5-update-July-2023.pdf)

The MIS applies to all acute Trusts that deliver maternity services and are members of the CNST. As in previous years, members will contribute an additional 10% of the CNST maternity premium to the scheme creating the CNST maternity incentive fund. The scheme incentivises ten maternity safety actions as referenced in previous years' schemes. To be eligible for payment under the scheme, Trusts must submit their completed Board declaration form to NHS Resolution by 12 noon on 1st of February 2024.

To support review of compliance with the scheme and oversight by West Yorkshire ICB, LTHT maternity services have added an additional monitoring and reporting mechanism to the CSU and ICB assurance processes. A bi-monthly meeting has taken place with representation from the Womens CSU, the Children's CSU and West Yorkshire ICB to monitor compliance with all the safety actions and ensure continual collation of the evidence for the final submission.

The 10 safety actions to be achieved require the Trust Board be satisfied that the evidence provided demonstrates achievement of the 10 safety actions which meets the required safety actions and sub-requirements as set out in the safety actions and technical guidance document.

LTHT Maternity services have met compliance with all 10 of the safety standards and will be submitting the Board Declaration form confirming compliance to NHS resolution by 12 noon on 1st of February 2024. A summary of the evidence available to support the submission is available to view in **Appendix 1**.

Trust submissions will be subject to a range of external validation points: MBRRACE-UK data, NHSE regarding the maternity services dataset, National Neonatal research database and MNSI.

3. Risk

The declaration form for NHSR states that the Trust Board is satisfied that the evidence provided demonstrates compliance against the 10 safety actions. The Quality Assurance Committee is accountable to and on behalf of the Trust Board, and at the December 2023 meeting, have scrutinised the evidence and compliance table, and is satisfied that the evidence provided demonstrates full compliance with the 10 MIS safety actions.

4. Publication Under Freedom of Information Act

This paper has been made available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

5. Recommendation

Following review and assurance of the evidence for the 10 safety actions by the December QAC, the Trust Board are asked to accept the report and assurance of compliance against the 10 safety actions and respectfully ask for the CEO to sign the compliance declaration form confirming this, which will be submitted to NHSR by 1st February 2024.

6. Supporting Information

The following papers make up this report:

- **Appendix 1** Maternity Incentive Scheme Evidence Summary
- **Appendix 2** MIS Safety Action CEO Sign off

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