

## Reducing term admissions to neonatal units

Alignment with existing or developing work programmes

This table has been produced to demonstrate how work to reduce term admissions to neonatal units aligns with other national work streams and meets Business Priorities within NHS England. It will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Participation by units in one or more of the work programmes outlined in Table 1, will therefore bring about improvements in one or more area but reduce duplication of effort and additional burden by doing so.

### **Aim: to prevent separation of mother and baby by reducing avoidable neonatal admissions to level 1, 2 or 3 neonatal care.**

#### **Strategic alignment – NHS England's priority areas.**

##### **Preventing premature mortality: Outcomes Framework Domain 1: Reducing deaths in babies and young children.**

- Indicator 1.6ii – reducing neonatal mortality

##### **Helping People to recover from episodes of ill-health or following injury: Outcomes Framework Domain 3.**

- Indicator 3a: emergency admissions for acute conditions that should not normally require admission
- Indicator 3b: readmission within 30 days of discharge.

##### **Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care: Outcomes Framework Domain 4:**

- Indicator 4b: patient experience of hospital care (parents of babies)
- 4c Friends and Family test
- 4.2: responsiveness to in-patients personal needs
- 4.5: improving women and their families' experiences of maternity care
- 4.7: improving experience of healthcare for people with mental illness
- 4.9: improving people's experiences of integrated care

**Community readmissions:** 4a I and ii: patient experience of primary care

##### **Treating and caring for people in a safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm: Outcomes Framework Domain 5:**

- 5b: safety incidents involving harm or death
- 5c: hospital deaths attributable to problems in care
- 5.5: admission of full term babies to neonatal care
- 5.6: incidence of harm to children due to failure to monitor

##### **NHS England Business Plan:**

- Supporting, developing and assuring the commissioning system: provide advice to neonatal and maternity commissioners on avoidable admissions and aspects for consideration re
- Business area 9 – Professional Nursing and Midwifery guidance to support high quality commissioning

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<b><u>Strategic alignment – NHS England and Royal Colleges: projects.</u></b>			
<i>Direct areas of overlap are highlighted.      ** indicates Patient safety Domain involvement with that work stream or relevant project leads</i>			
<u>Lead Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Aims</u>	<u>Comments</u>
**NHS England	Reducing term admissions to NNU	Prevent avoidable separation of mother and infant  Reduce the number of avoidable admissions to neonatal units	Top 5 reasons for admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respiratory</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Hypoglycaemia</li> <li>• Jaundice</li> <li>• asphyxia</li> </ul>
**NHS England	Saving Babies Lives	Reduce stillbirth rates  Provide a suite of recommendations for providers  Commissioning guidance	Care bundle – 4 elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smoking cessation</li> <li>• Surveillance of fetal growth</li> <li>• Fetal movement</li> <li>• CTG interpretation and fetal well-being during labour</li> </ul>
**Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	Each Baby Counts	RCA and themes following stillbirth, intrapartum death and early neonatal death.  50% reduction in above by 2020.	50% reduction in intrapartum hypoxia leading to HIE by 2020.
**MBRACE-UK (HQIP funded)	Maternal, Newborn and Infant Clinical Outcome Review Programme (MNI-CORP).	Identify avoidable illness and deaths  Lessons learned used to prevent similar cases  Improvements in maternal and newborn care for all mothers and babies.	Identify avoidable deaths  Identify avoidable illness
**NHS LA		Focus on learning from claims relating to stillbirth and intra partum hypoxia	Sharing lessons learned through claims relating to intra partum hypoxia.  Shared learning through claims relating to kernicterus  Shared learning from claims relating to hypoglycaemia.
SANDS and DH	Perinatal Death Review process	Data set indicators  Public health messages	Education and training for MW and obstetric trainees

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		Commissioning for reduction  Education and training for Midwives and obstetric trainees	
**NHS England	Incidence of harm due to failure to monitor	Development of a number of resources around deterioration: film, TED talks etc	Could respond to all of the top 5 reasons for admission.
**BAPM	Newborn Early Warning Trigger and Track tool.	Early identification of at risk infants  Mechanism to trigger clinical review and track progress.	Could respond to all of the top 5 reasons for admission.
**Haelo (commissioned by NHS England)	Development of a neonatal safety thermometer	Risk assessment and early identification of at risk babies  For use in postnatal and community setting	Still at feasibility stage  Could respond to all of the top 5 reasons for admission.
NHS England	Sepsis	Cross-system sepsis programme board	Infection Work streams currently being agreed. General areas eg CQUIN, education & awareness training, coding , hospital and community settings etc. Recognition of vulnerable groups & also work currently with NICE re children with febrile illness guidelines.
**NHS England/NDAU/Other	Impact of elective CS prior to 39 weeks on term admission rates. (NICE guideline adherence)	Review of NNRD data to ascertain relationship between admission of term babies and elective C-Section prior to 39 weeks with/without antenatal steroids.	Respiratory admissions.
BLISS	It's Not a Game	Highlight cost of neonatal care for parents	Relative to all admissions but particularly avoidable ones.
BLISS/Picker	Parents' experiences of Neonatal Care: Findings from Neonatal Survey 2014.	Understand the experience of parents whose baby/ies receive neonatal care.	Relative to all admissions within the term admission project.
Several including NHS England	The Kirkup Report	Requirement to respond to recommendations from the report once a formal response form DH and NHS England has been agreed. Likely to impact on all work streams.	