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Dear Neonatal Colleagues

**Re: Reasons for term admissions to neonatal care**

You may be aware of the work being carried out by NHS England on responding to the NHS Outcomes Framework: Domain 5: Treating and caring for people and preventing them from avoidable harm. The main focus for this year for response and improvement relating to our neonatal population is the admission of full term infants to neonatal care.

In a workshop held in September 2013, the reasons for admission were shown by participants as varied and often dependant on transitional care facilities and individual Trust resources. We would therefore like to consider how best we can support an improvement response nationally and work with clinical colleagues, Strategic Clinical Networks and others to take this forward.

As a prelude to this work and in order to identify the validity of this indicator, NHS England has commissioned the Neonatal Data Analysis Unit to undertake a review of your data held in the National Neonatal Research Database to identify:

1. The reasons for term admissions to neonatal care.
2. Whether term admissions to neonatal care are increasing.

This is therefore a courtesy letter to advise you that this analysis is being undertaken. We will not be analysing or publishing data on a unit basis – this analysis is to inform learning at national level. No action is required on your part, however, if you are interested in this work or would like to know more about developments as they occur, please don't hesitate to contact me. We will also be publishing the results on the Patient Safety First website in a new Maternity, Newborn, Children and Young People's area.

Following analysis, I will write to you again informing you of our findings, propose our plans and ask for your views and opportunity for involvement going forward. Once again, if you have any queries relating to this preliminary analysis, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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