

Maternity & Neonatal Network: 10 Years On & Going Strong

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What networks are there?

Neonatal network.

Wessex and TV. Funded with policies, data and governance

Maternal medicine network.

TV is one of 16, and the first. Funded but not statutory.

Maternity Network.

AHSN/ HI Oxford & TV part funded. Not statutory. Clinical/ safety branch of the BOB LMNS, largely clinical-only relationship with other LMNSs. Limited governance.

Fetal medicine network.

Awaiting NHSE funding/ mandate. Not funded or statutory so no governance or data. Clinician-based. Policy and education-based.

Clinical governance

In the beginning



Where were we in 2014?

- 45% 'born in the right place' rate
- Postcode lottery eg no PTB services exc Oxford and Bucks
- No communication at consultant level between units exc OXSFOG
- Different practice in different units: confusing for registrars and dangerous
- Unclear referral patterns for complex/ rare stuff: last minute referral
- No maternal or fetal medicine networks

AHSN

- Academic Health Sciences Network (now Health Innovation Oxford and Thames Valley) offered money and support to set up a maternity network.



How do we work?

- Twice yearly meetings ‘steering group’
- ...aligned with MatNeo agenda (which is fortunately wide)
- Representatives from trusts, partic senior midwifery ones, lay rep
- Topics for discussion:
 - What is a problem in our area and how do we address it?

Other things we have done/ aided

Exception reporting for MIS and SBL3 etc

Shared learning events to address major issues and share experiences

Review cases for neonatal network, serious incidents

In utero transfer project

EFM project and IA, including training packages

Improving outcomes for severely preterm babies

Audits: RFMs, steroid usage, SGA detection

Support for OxGRIP universal 36w scan and pathways

Simulation workshops

National lobbying eg steroids and MIS, networks

