

CHAIR'S KEY ISSUES

ISSUES FOR REFERRING/ESCALATING TO BOARD/COMMITTEE/TASK & FINISH GROUP

ORIGINATING BOARD / COMMITTEE / TASK & FINISH GROUP AND DATE:		Maternity & Neonatal Improvement Board – January 2026
CHAIR:		Catherine Morgan, Chief Nurse
LEAD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:		Catherine Morgan, Chief Nurse
Agenda Item	Details of Issue	Approval Escalation Alert Assurance Information
Matters Arising	The January MNIB meeting was well attended and Freda Bhatti, our new Non- Executive Director who will be taking over from Hussein Khatib when he leaves in March, attended this meeting.	Information
Assurance Report	<p>The Maternity Improvement Plan is progressing with all CNST Safety Actions approved and submitted.</p> <p>Active safety surveillance walk arounds, and incident review processes are well established.</p> <p>Multiple quality improvement initiatives demonstrating improvements are taking place.</p> <p>Stillbirth rates for ESNEFT remain above the national average and further detailed analysis is taking place to benchmark data.</p> <p>Neonatal ATAIN (avoidable term admissions) outlier status at Ipswich persists and strengthened feedback and accountability of individual practice is taking place.</p> <p>Standards for 1:1 care in labour and supernumerary practice are being maintained despite staffing pressures. Over-recruitment is planned and workforce planning is informed by acuity and birth rate data. A clear communication to staff on workforce planning and support measures is planned to take place to address wellbeing concerns, raised by the recent staffing pressures.</p>	Information

	<p>The Culture Improvement Programme is progressing and a strategy and timeline for actions is due to be presented at the March MNIB.</p> <p>As part of the culture related feedback processes, further work to support pregnant midwives and those experiencing menopause is underway.</p> <p>Work is being undertaken to review risks and mitigations relating to the home birth service provision at ESNEFT, in line with the work being carried out as part of a national review.</p> <p>MNVP activity has been underway to strengthen engagement, mental health support, and bereavement care.</p> <p>The PMRT Quarter 2 report was endorsed for QPS approval.</p>	
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Escalation	Support/decision required by reporting committee to resolve an issue within its remit	Alert	Proactive notification of subject matter/risk that reporting committee is currently dealing with or mitigating which may require future action/decision
Assurance	Evidence or information to demonstrate that appropriate action is being taken within a reporting committee's remit	Information	No action required. Reporting to update on discussion within a reporting committee's remit