

Developing joint working between maternity and neonatal services to improve outcomes for mothers and babies: a region-wide approach

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Delivering the Vision for the East of England

In developing the *Towards the best, together* vision, every NHS organisation in the east of England provided clinical staff to answer two questions:

- What is the best possible service the NHS can provide?
- How can we get there?



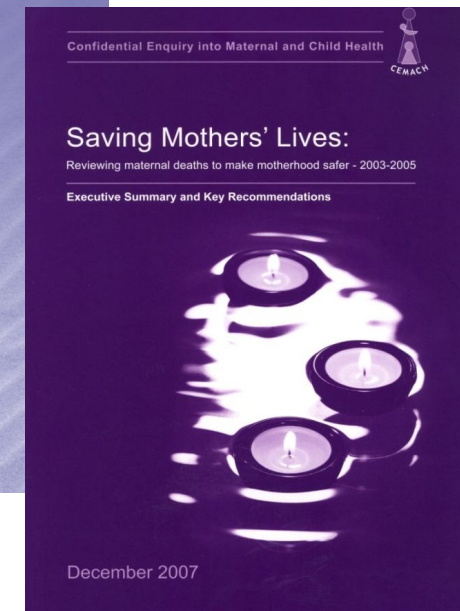
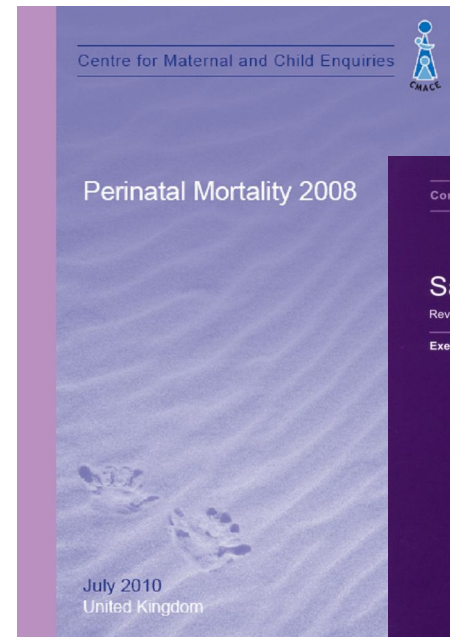
The Journey

- EoE review of neonatal services and designation
- Recognition of issues with maternity but little joined up thinking
- 17 Trusts with 19 Units providing neonatal and maternity services
- Delivery population 69k with significant activity outside EoE units



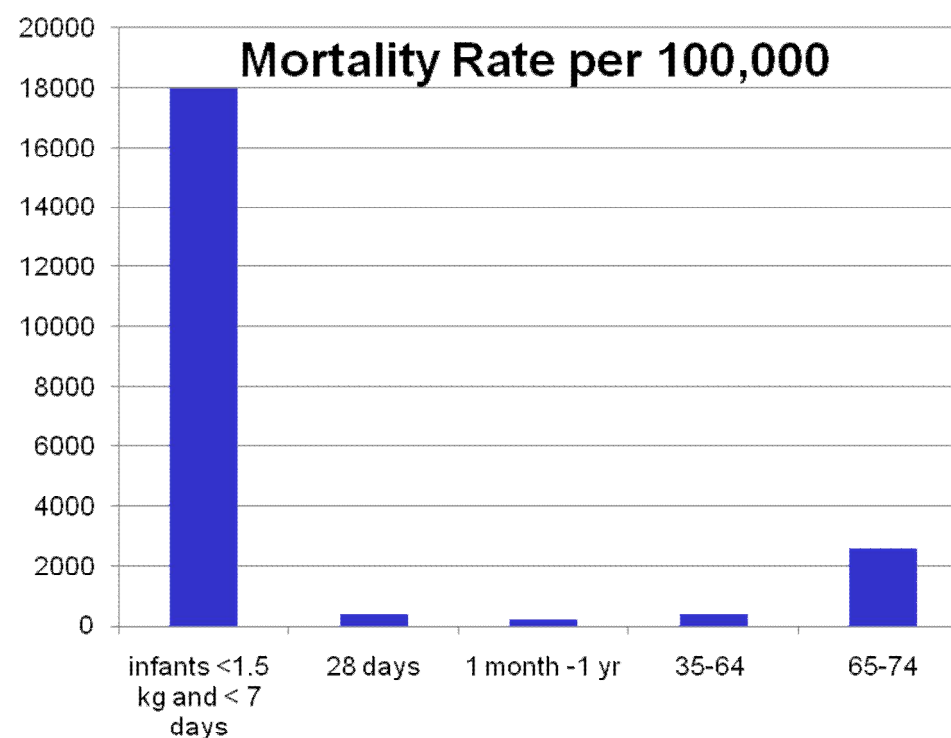
Why Working Together is important ?

- Pregnancy and childbirth
 - Important opportunity to get it right for both mother and baby
 - Journey is an emotional “rollercoaster”
 - Consequences can have life long implications
 - Delivering a vision for safe and sustainable maternity and newborn services



Mortality Rate per 100,000

- Infants <1.5kg and 7 days
 - 18,000
- All Infants up to 28 days
 - 390
- 1 Month- 1 year
 - 200
- 35-64 Years
 - 400
- 65-74 Years
 - 2555



Six Principles of Progress

1. A focus on prevention, health inequalities and timely interventions
2. Services focused on the needs of the individual and their carer
3. Services localised as much as possible but centralised where appropriate
4. Services that are accessible and integrated, delivered by a flexible, skilled and motivated workforce
5. Partnership with others where possible, with patients always
6. Outcomes that deliver measurable and meaningful improvement



A Perinatal Network Model

Community

Pre-conception Advice
Antenatal care
Psychiatric services
Translation
Substance Misuse
Specialist Support
Social Care
Physiotherapy
Multi-agency DV support
Neonatal Outreach
Safeguarding
Children's Centres



DGH Based

Genetic counselling
Early Pregnancy Unit
Recurrent Miscarriage
Screening services
Late pregnancy loss
Specialist clinics
Hospital based obstetric services for higher risk pregnancy
Anaesthetic pre-planning
Paediatric pre-planning



Tertiary

Specialist Diagnostic
Fetal Medicine
Tertiary In-patient Services
Neonatal Level 3 care

This model will be delivered through network agreed clinical pathways

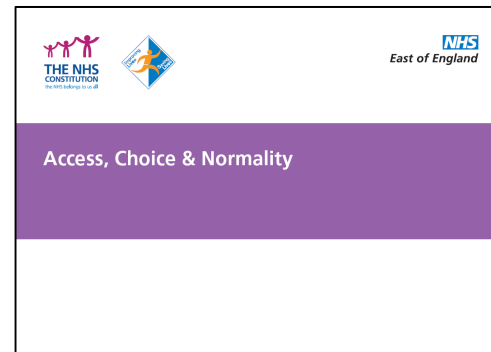
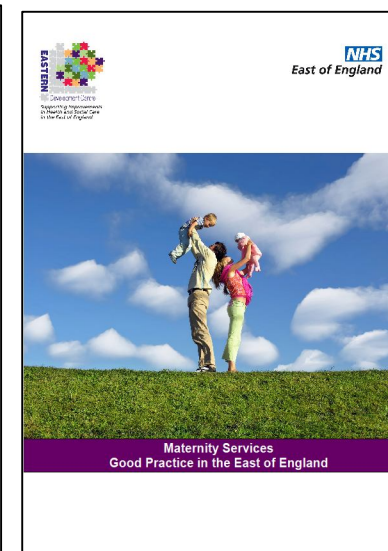
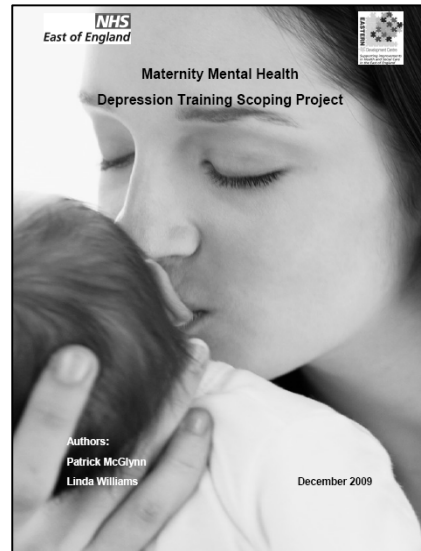
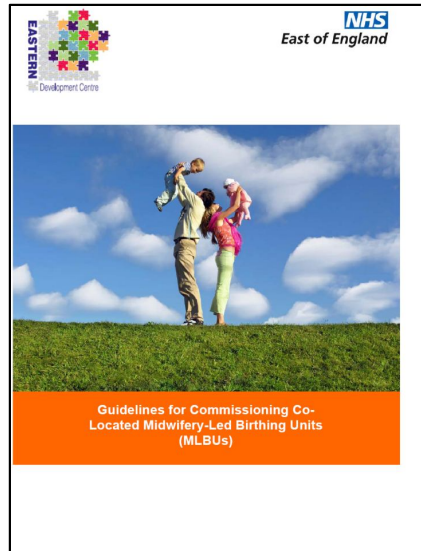


Embedding and sharing good practice

- Maternity and Newborn clinical pathway group
 - Scoping of innovation and good practice
 - Working across all 17 services
 - Development of practical guides to share innovation
 - Learning from each other
 - Midwifery leadership development programme



Good Practice & Innovation





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