


National Maternity and Perinatal Audit

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1.1 NMPA
Abbreviation

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organisation*

1.6 Programme <https://maternityaudit.org.uk/pages/home#:~:text=The%20National%20Maternity%20and%20Perinatal%20Audit%20%28NMPA%29%20is,national%20figures%20and%20enabling%20comparison%20between%20maternity%20services.>
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1.7 Programme The National Maternity and Perinatal Audit (NMPA) is a large scale audit of the NHS maternity services across England, Scotland and Wales.
summary

Using high quality data, the audit aims to evaluate a range of care processes and outcomes in order to identify good practice and areas for improvement in the care of women and babies.

2.1 <https://maternityaudit.org.uk/FilesUploaded/NMPA%20Governance%20Structure%202023.pptx>
Organogram

2.2 **Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists** www.rcog.org.uk
Organisations The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is the contract holder and host organisation for the NMPA. There is a member of the RCOG, in the role of a Senior Clinical Lead, on the Project Team.
involved in
delivering the **Royal College of Midwives** <https://www.rcm.org.uk/>
programme

The Royal College of Midwives is a partner and collaborator with the NMPA. There is a member of the RCM, in the role of a Senior Clinical Lead, on the Project Team.

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health www.rcpch.ac.uk

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health is a partner and collaborator with the NMPA. There is a member of the RCPCH, in the role of a Senior Clinical Lead, on the Project Team.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine www.lshtm.ac.uk

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is a partner and collaborator with the NMPA. We have three methodologists from LSHTM on the Project Team.

Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership www.hqip.org.uk

The NMPA is commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership

2.3 Governance arrangements

A list of all the individuals within the governance groups associated with the NMPA are list from p73 onwards within the first clinical audit report

<http://www.maternityaudit.org.uk/downloads/NMPA%20Clinical%20Report%202018.pdf>

The NMPA Project Technical Team meets on a monthly basis to discuss the work of the audit and the progress against deliverables. The project team receives advisory input from the Clinical Reference Group, Women and Families Involvement Group, and the HQIP Independent Advisory Group. (all ToRs shared as part of this report).

The Project Technical Team reports into the NMPA Project Board (with representatives from the RCOG, RCM, RCPCH and three nations) bi-annually. This is the mechanism by which risks are reviewed and fed into the broader College systems.

The NMPA is also one project within the Clinical Quality Projects section, which has a Head, who works to ensure consistency in projects delivery, and also chairs the CQ oversight group – a forum to allow projects to learn from each other across CQ.

2.4 Stakeholder engagement

A number of organisations representing women using maternity services have been involved in the design and implementation of the audit and will continue to be consulted on the running of the audit and its priorities.

For example, the stakeholders and process involved in selecting the audit measures is described on p26 of the first clinical audit report.

Women who have used the maternity services are also consulted via the NMPA Women and Families Involvement Group to focus on desired measures and desired impact, review of key documents and lay summaries, discuss website design and functionality, understand impact and opportunities to feed into improving information provision in pregnancy.

2.5 Conflict of interest policy

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3.1 Quality improvement goals

The Healthcare Improvement goals for the next phase of the NMPA are a priority for the team and will be a central tenant of the new QI plan.

The goals will build upon the previous work of the NMPA, and be aligned to both the overall aim of the audit and its underlying mechanism of change articulated within its driver diagram (see Appendix one).

The NMPA team have proposed the foundation of these goals will be:

- To reduce adverse outcomes for mothers and babies.
- To improve the number of healthy pregnancies.
- To improve outcomes in disadvantaged groups.
- To identify poor performing services early.
- To explore the feasibility of developing measures to capture the experience of people giving birth.
- To improve data quality and reporting.

In order to ensure the improvement goals deliver on the most urgent and pertinent issues in maternity care, the process for developing these goals can only begin once the most recent data request from NHS England has been received, analysed and validated.

The goals will be developed through workshops with clinicians, data providers, those working at the national level to improve quality, and the Women and Families Involvement Group.

This collaboration with key stakeholder and governance groups will ensure the audit remains integrated within the national maternity landscape and adds value.

As part of this process, we also plan to evaluate how NMPA data is currently used by maternity teams for example, whether the current methods for presenting data supports quality improvement and whether alternatives – aligned to the specific improvement goals - could improve its accessibility.

The intended output of this process is a set of quantifiable improvement goals, to enable progress to be measured and monitored.

Once the improvement goals have been agreed, we will review and revise our methods for stimulating healthcare improvement at national, regional and local level.

3.2 Quality improvement

<https://maternityaudit.org.uk/FilesUploaded/NMPA%20Driver%20Diagram.xlsx>

driver diagram

3.3a Methods for stimulating quality improvement* On-line Quality Improvement guides; National Clinical Audit Benchmarking (NCAB) tool (via CQC)

3.3b Quality improvement supplemental information Healthcare Improvement Plan submitted.

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