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# NMPA



## National Maternity & Perinatal Audit

### Update

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**In this edition: an update on NMPA analysis and next steps; NHS England start to collect requirements for the next MSDS update; and the publication of a new summary report from the National Neonatal Audit Programme.**

#### **Clinical report analysis update**

You will likely be aware that publication of the NMPA clinical report is overdue, owing to significant delays in receiving the English data from NHS England. We're pleased to share that we have now received this data (which was initially supplied in February 2024, followed by a refresh in September). This means that we now have final data for England, Scotland and Wales.

The Team are hard at work producing the next report. This will be at trust/health board level in the first instance, and will cover births over 2023. To date, the numerous data sets have been merged and cleaned. Data quality is now being assessed at metric level – to establish which key metrics we are able to report on – and analysis is being run.

In September, we reported on our progress to the NMPA Clinical Reference Group, who provided valuable feedback and acknowledged the considerable challenges with the data.

#### **Next steps**

We are not yet at a stage where we can share a publication date, but this will be communicated as soon as possible. Key next steps for maternity services to be aware of are as follows:

- Prior to publication, **all maternity services providers will be given the opportunity to review their own data**. There will be a 2 week window where this checking can take place and we will give advance warning as to when this will happen.
- In advance of this, **we will write to all maternity services to ask for details of one or more designated contacts**, who will be given access to the secure area of our website for data checking. Log in details will be provided, and should be tested prior to the data checking window starting.
- Following analysis, and prior to publication, any organisations flagged as part of the **outlier process** will be contacted. We follow the NCAPOP outlier guidance, a copy of which is available on the HQIP website. NMPA specific guidance, including the metrics which will be subject to the outlier process in this round, will be available and shared in due course.

Once a publication date is set, we will be able to share timelines for all of the above activity.

[> NCAPOP outlier guidance](#)

## Induction of labour snapshot audit update

We have had the first meeting with our enthusiastic lay representatives who have approved the proposal, and will bring their lived experience to help with the co-authorship of the report.

Data analysis has commenced, with interim results due to be shared within the team this month.

## Helping to shape the Maternity Services Data Set v2.5

NHS England are currently gathering requirements for the next update to the Maternity Services Data Set. This is of particular interest to the NMPA as the quality of this dataset is crucial to our outputs for England. Members of the team have recently met with NHS England to communicate our requirements and reflections based on analysis of the current dataset.

NHS England have compiled a high-level list of areas currently under consideration for the next version, which you can access via the button below.

[> Read more](#)

## NNAP report on 2023 data

The National Neonatal Audit Programme (NNAP) have recently published their Summary Report on 2023 data. The report covers key findings and national recommendations, as well as providing signposts to further resources to support improvement work.

The Extended Analysis Report on 2023 data has also been published. This provides an in-depth explanation of results and a summary of findings by audit measure, along with next steps and resources. A line of sight table is available, along with a recommendations table containing the past five years of national recommendations.

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