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A monthly bulletin for stakeholders, clinical and non-clinical staff working in maternity, neonatal care and patient safety.

Our Ambitions for 2024 - Part Two

Director of the Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigation Programme, Sandy Lewis outlines MNSI's ambitions for the final five months of 2024 as the team continues their work to improve maternity safety for mothers, birthing people, and their babies.



While the focus of MNSI will always be patient safety, to achieve this there are many pieces of the puzzle we must get right in order for us to be certain that maternity and neonatal safety and learning remains the priority in England.

With all this in mind, the next five months of 2024 will see us focus on three key areas..

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MNSI data shows black women are twice as likely to be part of an MNSI investigation



Director of the Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigation Programme, Sandy Lewis was recently interviewed by The Guardian about the disproportionate number of black women involved with MNSI investigations.

MNSI figures show that black women are almost twice as likely to be involved with a maternity investigation than their white counterparts. Black mothers are also three times more likely to be subject to an investigation regarding an instance of maternal death and just over twice as likely in cases of intrapartum stillbirths, when the baby dies after labour begins.

[Read the Guardian Article here](#)



Safety spotlight

On 1st April 2024, six months after the transition to being hosted by the CQC, MNSI made changes to their investigation reports and process. The pilots showed that the new report structure helps to highlight system-wide learning found during the investigation and improve inclusivity. Writing impactful, accessible reports provides MNSI with the greatest opportunity to share the learning from our investigations for the benefit of families, trusts and national bodies to inform safe maternity care.

[Read the report](#)

Other news

We're on the look out for Subject Matter Experts to support us in our investigations and to make maternity care in England safer. We are particularly interested in hearing from consultants working in haematology, pathology and general practice.

For more information or to express an interest in these roles please email Enquiries@mnsi.org.uk

From September we will be joined by 18 new Maternity Investigators. Please join us in wishing them a warm welcome as they begin this important work with MNSI.

Upcoming events

- 1st - 7th August: World Breastfeeding Awareness Week
- 5th August: 3rd World Congress on Paediatrics and Neonatology Conference (Amsterdam)
- 9th September: International Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
- 13th September: World Sepsis Day
- 14th - 20th September: Neonatal Nurses Week
- 17th September: World Patient Safety Day ([info here](#))
- 17th September: Wales and South West Maternity and Midwifery Festival ([info here](#))

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