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News items

From HSCIC – Health and Social Care Information Centre:
Quarterly data on smoking in pregnancy
This report presents the latest results and trends from the women’s smoking “status at time of delivery” data collection in England. It includes new figures for the first quarter of 2014/15. The results provide a measure of the prevalence of smoking among pregnant women by commissioning region, area team and CCG. This supplements the national information available from the infant feeding survey.

From the Baby Friendly Initiative:

Guidance for commissioners
Detailed information on commissioning services to support infant feeding, covering every aspect of implementation
Read more <http://www.unicef.org.uk/BabyFriendly/Commissioners/>

Newsletters
Sign up for our news and research mailings <http://www.unicef.org.uk/Signup/Subscriptions/>

Health benefits An overview of the health benefits of breastfeeding

Neonatal research

Baby Friendly stats

Talking to mothers

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From Midwives Magazine:
• **Midwives vote 'yes' for strike action**
Members of the RCM in England have voted 'yes' to industrial action in a dispute over pay in England, it has been announced.

• **Household products and asthma study**
Exposure while in the womb to chemicals in many household products could increase the risk of asthma, a study has found.

• **Pregnant immune response to flu**
Immune cells from pregnant women are strongly activated by influenza, according to the results of a new study.

• **Manifesto for balanced family lives**
The Families and Work Group launched its manifesto for 2015 earlier this week (23 September).

• **'More midwives needed around world'**
A renowned maternal-newborn advocate has stressed the need for a global increase in midwives.

• **Alumni association launched**
The Florence Nightingale Foundation has launched its UK-wide Alumni Association.

• **Home birth promise by Labour**
Labour has pledged that, if elected, women will have the right to a home birth in England.

• **'Midwives still not claiming tax relief’**
Thousands of midwives and nurses are still not claiming tax relief on their NMC annual registration fee, a survey has found.

• **‘3000 more midwives,’ Labour promises**
Labour leader Ed Miliband has pledged 3000 more midwives for the NHS in England, if elected.

• **Global breastfeeding survey results**
A global snapshot of differing attitudes to breastfeeding has been captured by a survey of more than 13,000 mothers in nine countries.

• **‘To help families we must care for ourselves first’**
Midwives need to look after themselves first in order to provide the best care for women and families, it was claimed at a conference.

• **Non-invasive prenatal Down’s test trials**
Women are confident in a new non-invasive prenatal test for Down’s syndrome that is being trialled, a study reports.

• **Agutter's radio appeal for midwife charity**
Star of *Call the Midwife*, Jenny Agutter, is to make a radio appeal for a midwifery charity on Sunday (21 September) morning.

• **RCM rep named LGBT role model**
A midwife who has worked to improve maternity services for same-sex couples has been named as one of Health Service Journal’s first lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) role... Read more

• **‘Maternal morbidity higher for disadvantaged’**
Risk of severe maternal morbidity among women in Australia is increased by lower socioeconomic position, suggests research.

• **GDM and stillbirth increase diabetes risk**
Study links stillbirth and gestational diabetes with a higher chance of developing type 2 diabetes in the future.
• **Importance of vitamin E in pregnancy**
  Vitamin E deficiency in pregnancy and the first few years of life can have lifelong impact on health, according to a study.

• **‘Disadvantaged women receive worse care’**
  Women from lower socioeconomic groups in the UK report a poorer experience of maternity care, according to a new study.

• **Documentary on birth set to launch**
  Professor Lesley Page was one of many experts to be interviewed in 60-minute film Microbirth.

• **Grants to improve patient care**
  Midwives are eligible to apply for grants to help fund projects that aim to improve the care of patients and to enhance leadership skills.

• **CS and general anaesthesia study results**
  Accidental awareness during general anaesthesia (AAGA) is almost 30 times higher for CS than other procedures, according to a new report.

• **‘Memory-making’ is key for bereaved**
  Creating memories for families of babies who die in and around birth was the key theme at an annual bereavement conference, held yesterday (11 September).

• **Alcohol in pregnancy study results**
  Binge drinking in pregnancy can affect the mental health and school results of children aged 11, it is claimed.

• **New guidance on ectopic pregnancy**
  Women who are referred to early pregnancy assessment services with a suspected ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage should be seen by that service within 24 hours, says NICE.

• **The Butterfly Awards: voting open**
  Voting for midwife and maternity nominees in awards that celebrate the champions of baby loss will be open until Saturday (13 September).

• **On politics: Let your voice be heard**
  Stuart Bonar explains why it's time to stand up and speak out to MPs about the stagnant pay situation.

• **Organisations can apply for PhD funding**
  Funding for PhDs in improvement science is now available and organisations have been invited to apply.

• **New chair of NMC council starts next year**
  Professor Dame Janet Finch is set to become the new chair of the NMC’s council on 1 January 2015.

• **Girl Summit**
  *Stopping FGM and CEFM*

• **In focus: Ashes to ashes**
  In the wake of revelations that an Edinburgh crematorium secretly buried the ashes of babies without the knowledge of their families, other UK crematoria were found to have similar practices.... Read more

• **Perinatal mortality risk study results**
  Unplanned births out of hospital increase the risk of infant mortality, research from Norway claims.

• **Indigenous stillbirth fall in Australia**
  The gap in stillbirth rates between indigenous and non-indigenous women in Queensland is closing, research shows.
• **Student midwife scholarships now open**
  Student midwives can now apply for the Cavell Nurses’ Trust scholarship awards.

• **Unexplained infant deaths – ‘action needed’**
  There has been a very small decrease in the number of unexplained infant deaths in England and Wales.

• **Obesity factsheets show latest data**
  Figures in the updated Public Health England (PHE) factsheets show that an estimated 62% of adults are overweight or obese.

• **'Women are discharged too early’**
  Over a third of women were discharged from hospital too soon after birth, says research.

• **Neonatal improvements seen in Tayside**
  Improvements in patient care have been achieved as a result of introducing assistant practitioners in neonatal services in NHS Tayside.

• **Premature brain injury study results**
  A hormone illegally used by athletes could prevent brain injuries in very premature babies, according to researchers.

• **Parents planning September babies**
  Parents-to-be are planning September babies to encourage academic success, a survey has found.

• **Babies’ brains mapped to assess growth**
  A study tracking the growth of newborns’ brains shows size increase is most rapid just after birth and in the first three months.

• **Early learning for two-year-olds**
  More two-year-olds in England will be eligible for a funded place in early education from September, the government has announced.

• **Breastfeeding can help avoid postnatal depression**
  A study of 10,000 British women found the lowest risk of postnatal depression was among women who planned to breastfeed and were successful.

• **Pregnant smoking could affect grandchildren**
  Smoking during pregnancy may affect grandchildren’s growth, a study has shown.

• **CFC to take midwife referrals**
  A new child funeral charity will soon take referrals from midwives.

• **Consultation launched on MSW skills**
  An MSW consultation on the skills needed for the role has been launched by Skills for Health.

• **Midwife writes FGM resources for health visitors**
  A midwife is helping her health visitor colleagues deal with female genital mutilation (FGM).

• **Guidance published on payment system**
  Government guidance was published this week (11 August) that outlines which services are included in the maternity pathway payment system and explains how to implement the payment system.

• **Maternal age and emergency delivery risk**
  A new study links increasing maternal age and an increased risk of emergency delivery.

• **NMC launch fee instalment consultation**
  Legislation to allow midwives and nurses to pay their annual registration fees in instalments is being consulted.
• **Results of breech study revealed**
Breech babies have higher risk of death from vaginal delivery compared to CS, a study claims.

**New book in the Library**

Mosby’s pocket guide to fetal monitoring a multidisciplinary approach, 7th ed, Lisa A Miller, 2013, shelved at WQ212

Evaluate intrapartum and antepartum fetal status with this portable, practical guide! Mosby’s Pocket Guide to Fetal Monitoring, 7th Edition provides a multidisciplinary, evidence-based approach model that’s ideal for use in the clinical environment. It offers a single definitive source on fetal heart rate monitoring, with the description, characteristics, etiology, clinical significance, and intervention for every tracing. Written by an expert team including nurse-midwife and attorney Lisa Miller, perinatologist David Miller, and RN Susan Martin Tucker, this reference may be used in any location where electronic monitoring is employed for fetal surveillance, such as the labor and delivery suite, the antepartum inpatient unit or ambulatory care setting, and emergency departments and intensive care units caring for pregnant women. Pocket-sized, colorful design offers portability and easy access to information. Patient safety and risk management strategies with case study illustrations and legal commentary include guidelines for providing safe and competent care. Prioritization of fetal monitoring elements helps you make clinical decisions in areas such as fetal heart rate assessment, evaluation, interpretation, and action planning, all supported by evidence-based practice and literature. Descriptions of the relationship between various fetal heart rate patterns and fetal acidemia alert you to important considerations in the care of specific conditions. Coverage of innovative practices supports patient safety and improved quality outcomes in high-reliability perinatal units addressing: Use of a common language for fetal heart rate patterns with a common construct for interpretation Emergency preparedness (multidisciplinary mock emergencies, simulations, debriefing after critical events, and exemplary practice) Human factor issues (step-by-step process to improve communication, situational awareness, no-fault/just culture, teamwork, and collegiality) Consensus guidelines from the 2008 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) workshop report show how to interpret and manage intrapartum FHR patterns provide standardized terminology, updates on nomenclature for uterine activity and also include interpretive categories. NEW content on fetal dysrhythmias outlines the incidence, identification, and management of this important condition. NEW monitor strips throughout the book enhance usability. NEW Selected FHR Tracings and Cases: Interpretation and Documentation appendix provides an important reference tool for all clinicians. NEW Obstetric Models and Intrapartum Fetal Monitoring in Europe chapter addresses global issues, including variations in terminology, practice, and interpretation.

**WHO /Baby Friendly Initiative publications**

[Department of Health breastfeeding care pathway - For mothers](http://www.unicef.org.uk/BabyFriendly/Resources/General-resources/Department-of-Health-breastfeeding-care-pathway---For-mothers/)

[Neonatal researchResearch with a focus on pre-term babies and neonatal units](http://www.unicef.org.uk/BabyFriendly/News-and-Research/Research/Neonatal/)

[New Evidence on Breastfeeding and Postpartum Depression: The Importance of Understanding Women’s Intentions](http://www.unicef.org.uk/BabyFriendly/News-and-Research/Research/Mental-health/Breastfeeding-and-Postpartum-Depression/)

Women’s experiences of infant feeding
Conferences

**Just 2 months to go until the Baby Friendly 2014 annual conference**

Speakers include Laurel Wilson on epigenetics and breastfeeding, Kerstin Uvnas-Moberg on oxytocin and relationships, and Kajsa Brimdyr on skin-to-skin in the first hour after birth. You can book your tickets here, and accommodation can be booked using a bespoke booking service.

Maternity, Midwifery and Baby:
Midwifery Exchange
Friday 27th February
Ibis Earl's Court, London
Website: www.neilstewartassociates.com/sh319

**Speakers confirmed**

Dr Tracey Cooper, Consultant Midwife speaking on the different perspectives on the third stage of labour

Ann Lomax, Senior Lecturer, University of Central Lancashire, speaking developments in newborn examination

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