

# Saving Babies Lives

## Reducing Stillbirth

Wednesday 5th May 2021

Virtual Conference

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### Chair & Speakers include:

**Professor Alex Hezell**  
*Clinical Director Tommy's Stillbirth Research Centre St Mary's Hospital, Manchester*

**Prof Asma Khalil**  
*Consultant Obstetrician and Lead, Multiple Birth and Maternal Fetal Medicine Teams St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

**Prof Elizabeth Draper**  
*Professor of Perinatal and Paediatric Epidemiology The Infant Mortality and Morbidity Studies Team, University of Leicester*

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*“The incidence of stillbirth was significantly higher during the pandemic than the pre-pandemic period in a hospital in the UK... Those findings were based on pregnancy outcomes measured at St George’s University Hospital in London in two periods: one, from 1 October 2019 to 31 January 2020 (the pre-pandemic group), and the other from 1 February 2020 to 14 June 2020 (the pandemic group). The incidence of stillbirth in the pre-pandemic period was 2.38 per 1000 births compared to 9.31 per 1000 births in the pandemic period. The authors note none of the pregnant women who experienced stillbirth had symptoms suggestive of Covid-19, nor did the postmortem or placental examinations suggest SARS-CoV-2 infection.”*  
newsGP JAMA Network 2020

*“Our findings are consistent with the increase in deaths and reduction in care-seeking observed in the general UK population during the Covid-19 pandemic.”*  
The Lancet Oct 2020

*“All hospitals should carry out local reviews on every death to understand what happened, why the death occurred and how they can improve care to prevent similar deaths in the future”*  
MBRRACE-UK: Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries across the UK

This conference focuses on the important issue of Saving Babies Lives: Reducing Stillbirth, and implementing Version 2 of the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle. The stillbirth rate in the UK is high relative to other similar European Countries, it has been demonstrated that the implementation of key interventions can lead to reductions in the stillbirth rate in line with the national ambition to reduce the number of stillbirths, neonatal deaths, maternal deaths and brain injuries that occur during or soon after birth by 50% by 2025. The conference will also update delegates on Saving Babies Lives during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The conference will also include sessions focusing on Learning from MBRRACE-UK: Mothers and Babies, Reducing Stillbirth as a result of incidents during labour and Learning from perinatal mortality reviews at a local level.

#### **This conference will enable you to:**

- Network with colleagues who are working to deliver best practice in the prevention of stillbirth
- Reflect on the Lived Experience of losing a baby through stillbirth
- Explore the changes outlined in version 2 of the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle
- Update your care processes as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic including working to support pregnant women during Covid-19
- Learn from outstanding practice in delivering the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle Version 2 and Each Baby Counts
- Reflect on national developments and learning from MBRRACE-UK: Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries
- Learn about effective, evidence based strategies for stillbirth prevention
- Improve the way you investigate and learn using the National Perinatal Mortality Review Tool
- Develop your skills in the Effective Implementation of the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle
- Understand how you identify and improve the management of risk factors
- Identify key strategies for learning from perinatal mortality reviews at a local level
- Ensure you are implementing the latest evidence to reduce Stillbirth as a result of incidents during labour
- Understand how you can better support women and families following stillbirth
- Self assess and reflect on your own practice

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## 10.00 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

**Professor Alex Heazell** *Clinical Director Tommy's Stillbirth Research Centre St Mary's Hospital, Manchester*

## 10.15 Saving Babies Lives & Covid-19

**Professor Asma Khalil**  
*Consultant Obstetrician  
and Lead, Multiple Birth and Maternal Fetal Medicine Teams  
St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

- saving babies lives, monitoring and fetal growth surveillance during the Covid-19 pandemic
- implications of Covid-19 on reducing preterm births
- understanding the increase in stillbirths during the pandemic
- the 2020 national guidance and promoting care seeking in pregnant women

## 10.45 Learning from MBRRACE-UK: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries across the UK

**Professor Elizabeth Draper**  
*Professor of Perinatal and Paediatric Epidemiology  
The Infant Mortality and Morbidity Studies Team,  
University of Leicester & MBRRACE-UK collaborators*

- learning from the National Perinatal Mortality Surveillance for Births
- using local MBRRACE-UK data for real time monitoring
- an update on the National Perinatal Mortality Review Tool
- implications for practice and maternity care

## 11.15 A Lived Experience Perspective

**Heidi Eldridge**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
Mama Academy*

- a personal story of stillbirth
- what organisations and individuals can do to support women and their families
- additional considerations when contemplating another pregnancy
- delivering information to parents in a non biased and non fearful way

## 11.45 Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

## 12.10 EXTENDED SESSION: The Benefits of Collaboration

**Karen Bancroft Mb ChB MD FRCOG**  
*Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist  
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and  
Clinical Lead  
GMEC Maternity SCN/ LMS*

- drivers for collaboration
- maternity dashboard as a quality improvement tool
- implementation of SBLCB
- Maternal Medicine Network
- management of Stillbirth

## 12.45 Small Breakout Groups: Prevention and management of risk factors

## 13.05 Lunch Break & Virtual Networking

## 13.50 Reducing stillbirth: How can we optimise Intrapartum Fetal Monitoring training & competency assessment?

**Dr Louise Webster**  
*Deputy Chair, London Perinatal Morbidity and  
Mortality Working Group, Clinical Lecturer, Kings College London*

- improving fetal surveillance and monitoring
- the saving babies lives care bundle: ensuring effective implementation
- training and educating staff to ensure competence
- our experience

## 14.20 EXTENDED FOCUS:

### Addressing inequalities and stillbirth rates in women from Black British and Asian communities

*"Women from the poorest backgrounds and mothers from Black, Asian and Ethnic groups are at higher risk of their baby dying in the womb or soon after birth" NHS England*

**Zeenath Uddin**  
*Head of Quality and Safety  
The Royal College of Midwives (RCM)*

- improving care provision for mothers and babies of black British & Asian populations
- understanding the root causes of higher stillbirth rates and addressing engagement and communication
- enhancing surveillance through the pandemic

## 14.50 Protecting human rights and tackling racial injustice in maternity care

**Amy Gibbs**  
*Chief Executive, Birthrights  
and Benash Nazmeen*  
*Co-Chair of Birthrights' inquiry on racial injustice in maternity care and  
Director, the Association of South Asian Midwives*

- human rights in pregnancy and childbirth
- early findings from the inquiry on racial injustice in maternity care
- good practice in culturally safe, rights-respecting care

## 15.40 Comfort Break

## 15.30 The Importance of Parent Engagement in Perinatal Mortality Reviews

**Charlotte Bevan**  
*Senior Research and Prevention Advisor  
with Kate Stanton Trainer  
SANDS*

- why is it important to engage parents in perinatal mortality reviews?
  - what resources are available to support this?
  - small group discussion and feedback: what are professional experiences of the barriers and facilitators to parent engagement in review?
- This session includes small breakout groups*

## 16.30 Learning from perinatal mortality reviews at a local level

**Richard Kayser**  
*Partner, Medical Negligence Team  
with Alex Evans*  
*Solicitor  
Irwin Mitchell LLP*

- ensuring systematic, multidisciplinary, high quality review of care when a stillbirth death occurs
- using the National Perinatal Mortality Review Tool
- involving parents in the review
- ensuring the lessons are learned and shared

## 17.00 Close

*There will be time for Question & Answers after each session*

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