

# Saving Babies Lives

## Reducing Stillbirth

Wednesday 27th April 2022 Virtual Conference

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### Chair & Speakers include:

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

**Professor Elizabeth Draper**  
*Professor of Perinatal and Paediatric  
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and Morbidity Studies Team*  
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*"Meeting revised NHS target of 50% reduction in stillbirths by 2025 requires much more work"*  
Professor Elizabeth Draper, Professor of Perinatal and Paediatric Epidemiology The Infant Mortality and Morbidity Studies Team, University of Leicester & MBRRACE-UK collaborators, May 2021

*"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

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

*"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

*"In the UK, around 2,900 babies are stillborn every year and there are nearly 60,000 premature births. There is wide variation in stillbirth and premature birth rates throughout the UK. This is not due to differences in the characteristics of local populations or a lack of research or clinical guidelines, but is instead a result of variation in the way that guidelines are implemented locally."*  
Tommy's November 2021

*"As with any instance of the death of a baby or child, stillbirths have longlasting effects on parents, their families and healthcare professionals. The unexpected death of a baby, where parents have no time to prepare, as in the case of intrapartum stillbirth, has a considerable impact on all. Stillbirths have been associated with significant negative emotional, psychological, social and financial consequences for families who endure this experience."*  
Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch September 2021

This conference focuses on the important issue of Saving Babies Lives: Reducing Stillbirth, and implementing Version 2 of the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle and accelerating action to achieve 50% reductions in stillbirth by 2025. 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 reducing inequality and improving care for mothers from diverse communities, 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
- Develop a strategy to achieve 50% reductions in stillbirth by 2025
- 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 & Confidential Enquiries
- Learn about effective, evidence based strategies for stillbirth prevention
- Improve care and support for women from diverse communities and reduce inequality
- Improve the way you investigate and learn using the National Perinatal Mortality Review Tool
- 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 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
- Supports CPD professional development and acts as revalidation evidence. This course provides 5 Hrs training for CPD subject to peer group approval for revalidation purposes

## 10.00 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

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

## 10.10 A Lived Experience Perspective

**Chris Binnie**  
*Business Development Manager*  
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

## 10.40 Saving Babies Lives: National Developments

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

- Saving Babies Lives: national update
- learning from the Ockenden review and report
- develop a strategy to achieve 50% reductions in stillbirth by 2025

## 11.10 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

## 11.30 Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

## 12.00 Learning from MBRRACE-UK: Mothers and Babies: 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

## 12.30 EXTENDED SESSION: Improving practice and outcome: impact of a national stillbirth prevention programme

**Prof Jason Gardosi**  
*Director*  
Perinatal Institute

- how we have helped to reduce stillbirth rates in the NHS
  - epidemiology and risk factors associated with stillbirth
  - assessment and management of fetal growth restriction
  - the role of training, evidence based guidelines and audit
  - meeting the national maternity ambition in practice
- This session includes Q&A and discussion time on strategies for prevention*

## 13.15 Lunch Break & Virtual Networking

## 13.45 EXTENDED SESSION: Improving support for women and families following stillbirth

**Marc Harder**  
*NBCP Lead*  
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- ensuring effective implementation of the national bereavement care pathway
- supporting parents after a loss of a baby through stillbirth
- longer term support
- supporting parents during further pregnancies
- why is it important to engage parents in perinatal mortality reviews?
- small group discussion and feedback: what are professional experiences of the barriers and facilitators to parent engagement in review?

## 14.30 Reducing stillbirth: How can we optimise Intrapartum Fetal Monitoring training and 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
- stillbirth, Covid-19, and the Covid-19 vaccine
- training and educating staff to ensure competence
- our experience

## 15.00 Addressing racial inequalities in outcomes and experiences for women and babies

**Amy Gibbs**  
*Chief Executive Birthrights*  
**and Melissa Brown**  
*Birthrights Participation Officer & Midwife*

- human rights in pregnancy and childbirth
- the inquiry on racial injustice in maternity care
- findings, themes and calls to action for the maternity system
- good practice in culturally safe, rights-respecting care

## 15.30 Comfort Break

## 15.45 A Human Factors approach to preventing Stillbirth

**Dr Gabby Bambridge**  
*Consultant Obstetrician & Labour Ward Lead*  
Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

- changing behaviour, improving team working, flattening the hierarchy, improving communications and developing situational awareness
- the role of human factors in improving patient safety
- our experience

## 16.20 Small Breakout Group Session: Prevention and management of risk factors

## 16.30 A medico-legal perspective on preventing Still Birth Claims

**Sandra De Souza** *Solicitor*  
**and Lizzie Paterson** *Associate*  
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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Wednesday 27th April 2022

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