




Safer Maternity Care a road to success?

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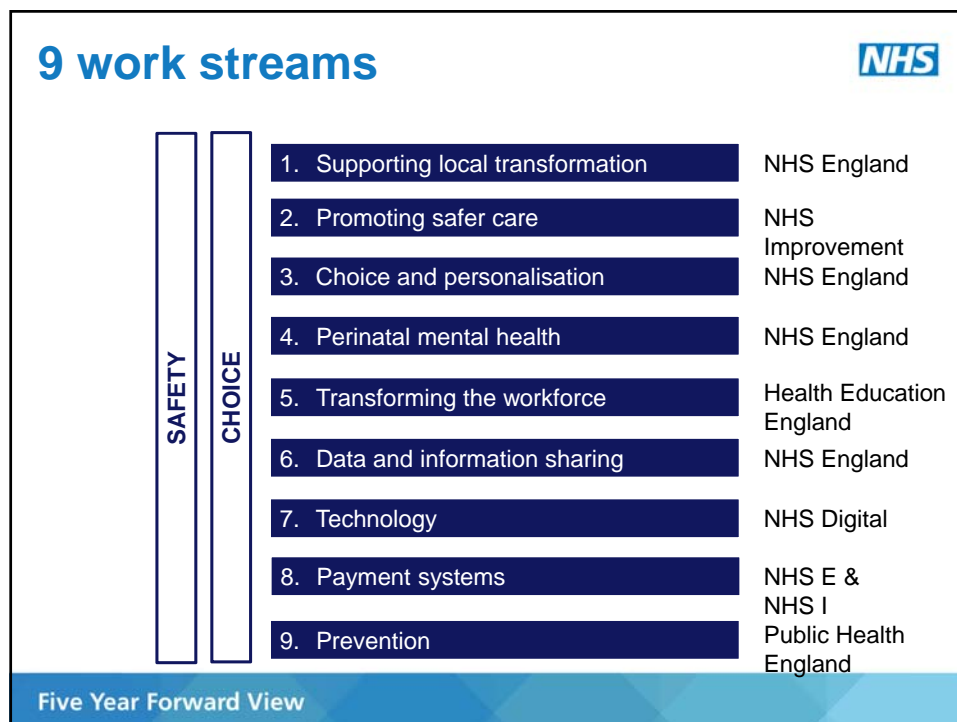
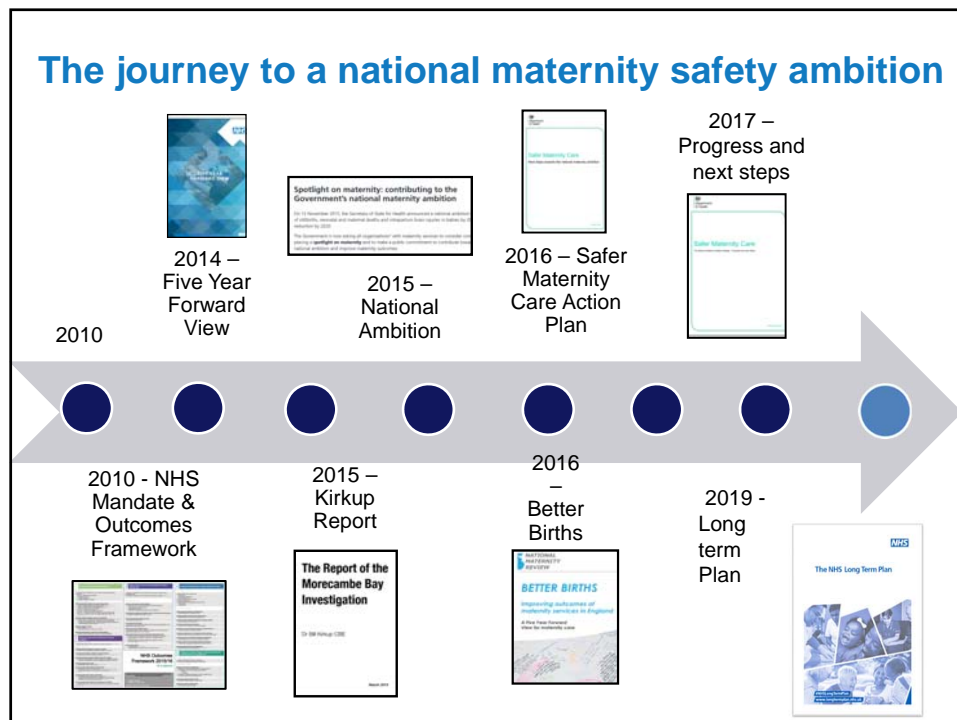
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National Maternity Ambition
To reduce the rate of stillbirths, neonatal and maternal deaths, and brain injuries occurring during or soon after birth by 50% by 2025; and 20% by 2020
 Reduce PTB from 8% to 6%

Maternity Transformation Programme
 A cross-system programme set up to implement the vision set out in the National Maternity Review – NHS Long term plan



The importance of **safety** in maternity - facts



700,000 babies born in UK 2016 Source Each Baby Counts progress report 2018

1123 babies
met Each
Baby Counts
criteria

11% (124)
intrapartum
stillbirth

2014-2016
9.8 women per 1000
died during or up to 6
weeks post partum
MBRRACE 2018

76% (854)
Severe
brain
Injury

13% (145)
Early NND

71% of babies might
have had a different
outcome with different
care

Conclusion:
**We need to make
care safer**

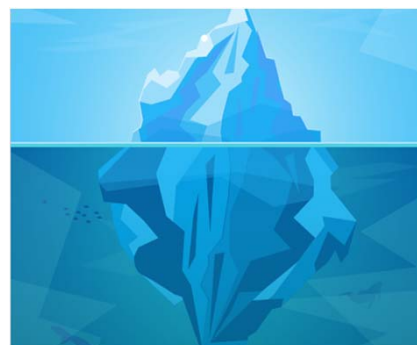
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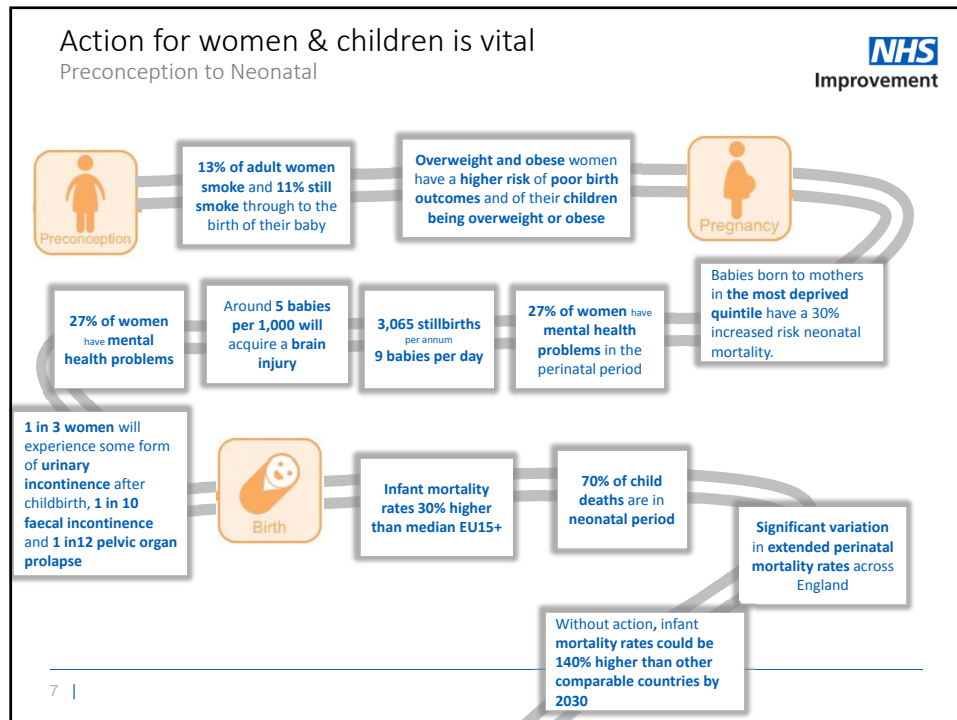
10,686 new clinical claims
reported to NHS Resolution

117,836 complaints
(written complaints from secondary care) recorded by
NHS Digital

1,925,295 incidents
reported to the NRLS (England)



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The NHS Long Term Plan

NHS Improvement

As medicine advances, health needs change and society develops, the NHS has to continually move forward so that in 10 years time we have a service fit for the future. This Plan, published on 7th January 2019, sets out how we will do that. We are now able to do so because:

- we have a **secure and improved funding path for the NHS**, averaging 3.4% a year over the next five years, compared with 2% over the past five years;
- there is **wide consensus about the changes now needed**. -patients' groups, professional bodies and frontline NHS leaders over 200 separate events, over 2,500 separate responses, through insights offered by 85,000 members of the public and from organisations representing over 3.5 million people;
- work that kicked-off after the NHS Five Year Forward View is now beginning to bear fruit, providing **practical experience** of how to bring about the changes set out in this Plan. Almost everything in this Plan is already being implemented successfully somewhere in the NHS.

The plan covers:

- Chapter 1: A new service model for the 21st century
- Chapter 2: More NHS action on prevention and health inequalities
- Chapter 3: Further progress on care quality and outcomes**
A strong start in life for children and young people
- Chapter 4: NHS staff will get the backing they need
- Chapter 5: Digitally-enabled care will go mainstream across the NHS
- Chapter 6: Taxpayers' investment will be used to maximum effect
- Chapter 7: Next steps

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Implementing *Better Births*



Improvement

Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle v2

- Reduce pre-term birth from 8% to 6% - including through specialist clinics
- Magnesium sulphate
- Risk assessment in labour
- Improved CTG monitoring

IMPLEMENT IN 2020

Neonatal critical care

- More NICU cots
- Improved triage
- More neonatal nurses & expanded AHP roles
- Care coordinators for families
- Improved parental accommodation

IMPLEMENT BY END 23/24

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Improvement

Continuity of carer

- Continuity of carer to 35% of women by end 19/20; most women by 2021
- And targeted at those who will benefit most...75% of BAME groups and those living in the most deprived areas by 2024

Maternity digital care records

- Being offered to 20,000 eligible women in 20 accelerator sites across England, rising to 100,000 by the end of 2019/20. By 2023/24, all women will be able to access their maternity notes and information through their smart phones.

Perinatal mental health

- Extra 24k women to access specialist help by 2023/24
- Specialist services available up to 24 months
- Maternity outreach clinics
- Access to care for fathers/partners

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Addressing gaps



Improvement

Maternal smoking

Smoke-free pregnancy pathways for expectant mums & partners

Postnatal physiotherapy

Multidisciplinary pelvic health clinics & pathways

Folic acid

Fortified flour consultation in 2019

Infant feeding

All maternity services to begin accreditation process in 2019/20

Maternal Medicine Networks

For women with acute/chronic medical needs

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Reducing inequalities



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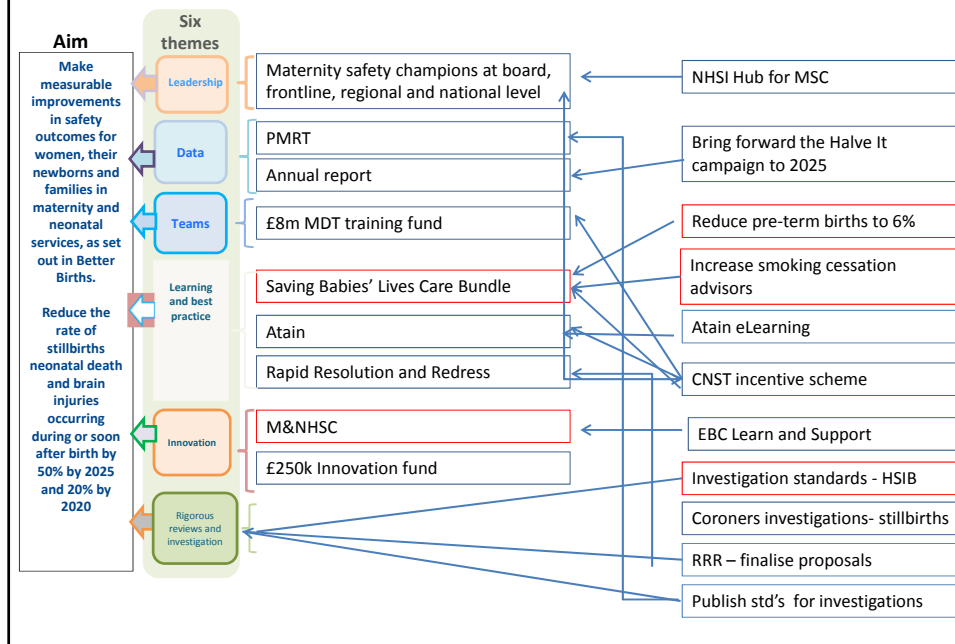
- Mortality rates are reducing, stark health inequalities persist (MBRRACE-UK)
 - **Maternal mortality:** Black women x5, Asian women x2, most deprived x3
 - Stillbirth rate is **increasing for Black babies** - 121% ↑
 - **Neonatal mortality:** Black babies 50% ↑, Asian 66%↑, deprived areas x2
- Continuity of carer can **significantly improve outcomes** for women from **ethnic minorities** and those living in **deprived areas** (Rayment-Jones et al 2015, Homer et al 2017 in RCM 2018)
- **NHS Constitution** duties: reduce health inequalities; involve users
- **Proportionate universalism:** action is universal, but with a scale and intensity proportionate to the level of disadvantage (Marmot 2010)
- This means...[review existing initiatives and make sure they meet the needs of 'at risk' groups](#)



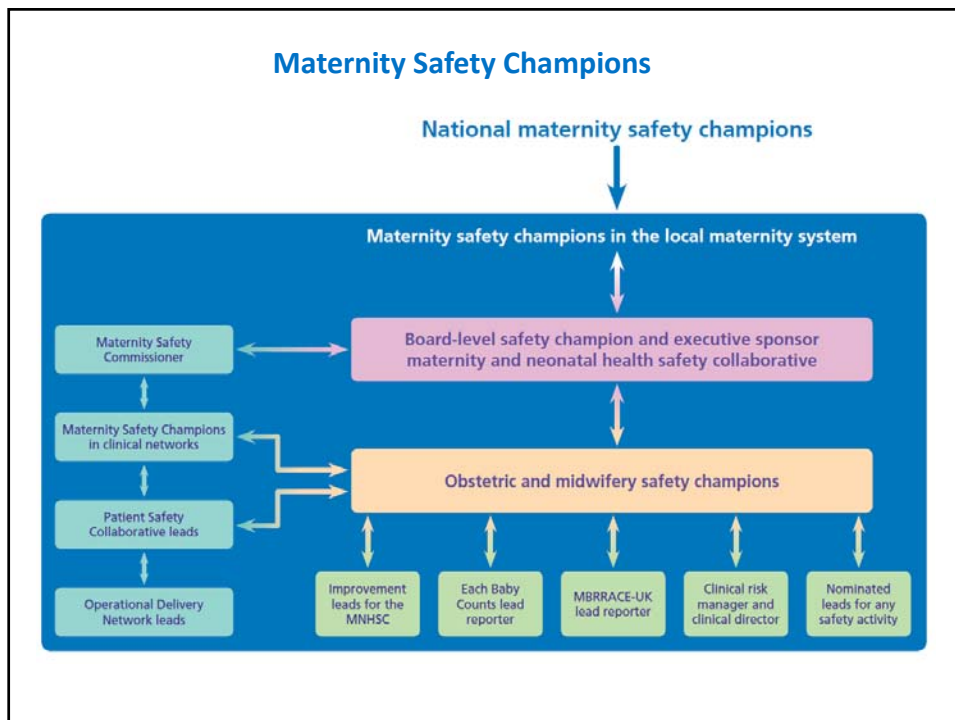
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Maternity Safety Priorities



Maternity Safety Champions

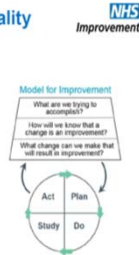


Maternal and neonatal health safety collaborative

A three-year programme to support improvement in the quality and safety of maternity and neonatal units across England

Maternity and neonatal Quality Improvement programme

- 3 year national QI programme
- 136 trusts with maternity units
- Multidisciplinary and each trust will need to identify minimum of 3 key representatives - obstetrician, midwife, senior manager
- Supported by effective regional communities of practice
- Develop QI capability at every level of maternity systems
- Steering group to provide oversight and direction with support from an advisory faculty and programme delivery team



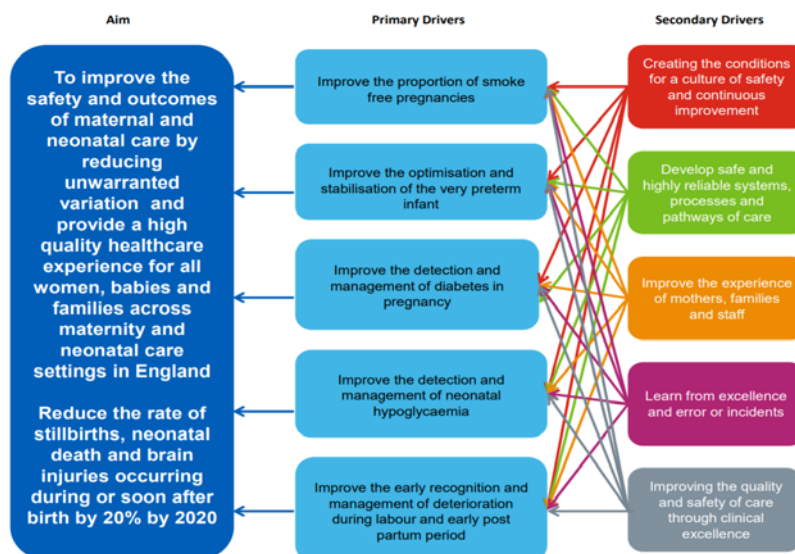
Programme support to maternity units



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Exploring prevention within current maternity safety priorities



Investigations



Staff support when things go wrong



Duty of Candour

Parental involvement



High quality investigations to support learning - prevention

Questions?



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Local Transformation Hub

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