Important notice: Maternity incentive scheme year three – summary of changes

On the 20 December 2019 we provided details of the incentive payments for year two and released the safety actions for year three. We have updated the safety actions on Tuesday 4 February 2020 and ask that you read this document in conjunction with the previously released safety actions.

Here is a summary of the changes applied to the safety actions:

**Safety action 1:** Are you using the National Perinatal Mortality Review Tool to review perinatal deaths to the required standard?
- Example provided for explanation of why the remaining questions on PMRT could not be validated (for example, the mother’s hand held notes were lost)

**Safety action 2:** Are you submitting data to the Maternity Services Data Set (MSDS) to the required standard?

Please take note of changes to deadlines and submissions for MSDS.
- Time period for assessment of data quality and completeness changed from March and April 2020 to April and May 2020
- Revised deadlines - The deadline for the April 2020 data is Tuesday 30 June 2020, and for May 2020 it is Friday 31 July 2020
- Criterion 4 – extended from six to seven months and deadline now July 2020
- Criterion 5 to 13 – data from April to May 2020 (previously March to April 2020)

**Safety action 3:** Can you demonstrate that you have transitional care services to support the recommendations made in the Avoiding Term Admissions into Neonatal units Programme?

There have been no changes to this action

**Safety action 4:** Can you demonstrate an effective system of clinical workforce planning to the required standard?
- The **wording** of the numbered ACAS standards details the requirements that needs to be met
- The Excel version from the ACAS lists both the old and new numbering for the standards

**Please note:**

**Safety action 5:** Can you demonstrate an effective system of midwifery workforce planning to the required standard?
- Red flag incidents bullet point reinstated
- Clarification on the time period for the bi annual report
**Safety action 6:** Can you demonstrate compliance with all five elements of the Saving Babies’ Lives care bundle version 2?

- Information about who will distribute the care bundle survey, and where it should be sent to
- Clarification that the care bundle survey should be submitted to the Trust board as evidence
- Information regarding required audit samples for each of the elements have been included
- Clarification on the audit requirements attendance at fetal monitoring training
- The wording metrics has been changed to the word indicators
- Inclusion that relevant data items for indicators should be recorded on the provider’s Maternity Information System (MIS) and included in the April 2020 MSDS submission to NHS Digital.

**Safety action 7:** Can you demonstrate that you have a mechanism for gathering service user feedback, and that you work with service users through your Maternity Voices Partnership to coproduce local maternity services?

There have been no changes to this action

**Safety action 8:** Can you evidence that at least 90% of each maternity unit staff group have attended an 'in-house' multi-professional maternity emergencies training session within the last training year?

- Clarification on who can provide neonatal resuscitation training

**Safety action 9:** Can you demonstrate that the trust safety champions (obstetrician and midwife) are meeting bimonthly with Board level champions to escalate locally identified issues?

- Change to date for Continuity of Carer
- Addition of the annual national learning event or participation in MatNeoSIP WebEx’s
- Minor amendment to technical guidance – the previously referred to standards 1 and 2 have been clarified as referring to part a) and b) of the required standards

**Safety action 10:** Have you reported 100% of qualifying 2019/20 incidents under NHS Resolution's Early Notification scheme?

There have been no changes to this action.

The deadline for your submissions for year three of the scheme is noon on Thursday 17 September 2020. Should you have any queries about the ten safety actions or the scheme in general please contact MIS@Resolution.nhs.uk as soon as possible and in any event prior to your trust’s submission on Thursday 17 September 2020.