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Dear colleague

## **Pause in reporting procedure regarding the maternity incentive scheme**

In recognition of the current pressure on the NHS and maternity services, the majority of reporting requirements relating to demonstrating achievement of the maternity incentive scheme (MIS) 10 safety actions are paused with immediate effect **for a minimum of 3 months**. This will be kept under review.

Trusts are asked to continue to apply the principles of the 10 safety actions, given that the aim of the MIS is to support the delivery of safer maternity care. Examples of continuing to apply the principles include: undertaking midwifery workforce reviews, ensuring that as far as possible the oversight provided by the maternity, neonatal and board level safety champions continue, as well as using available on line training resources.

In the meantime, Trusts are asked to continue to report to MBRRACE-UK and report eligible cases to the Health Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB). In addition, every reasonable effort should be made to make the Maternity Services Data Set submissions to NHS Digital.

In the current challenging circumstances, in descending order of priority for reporting to MBRRACE-UK as follows:

- Notify all perinatal and maternal deaths;
- Complete the surveillance information for COVID-19 related perinatal deaths where either the mother and or baby is infected with SARS-CoV-2;
- Continue to complete the perinatal surveillance information for all other deaths, whilst there is capacity to do so;
- Continue to complete reviews using the Perinatal Mortality Review Tool, whilst there is capacity to do so.

The reporting period for MIS year 4 will also be kept under review and may potentially be extended by the MIS Collaborative Advisory Group (CAG) who will reconvene in February 2022.

## Resolution

Trusts will be provided with a timetable and revised technical guidance in due course and those will also be shared via your submitted MIS nominated contacts and posted on NHS Resolution's website.

The ongoing and unprecedented challenges remain, and we would like to thank you for all of your hard work and efforts both with the current situation and in working towards the maternity incentive scheme safety actions.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support safer maternity care, and in supporting each other.

Please send any questions you have to [mis@resolution.nhs.uk](mailto:mis@resolution.nhs.uk) and a member of our team will be in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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