PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY
NORTHERN IRELAND

LSA BRIEFING
FEBRUARY 2010

2010-2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

LSA National Conference - Nottingham
22 APRIL 2010

Supervisors of Midwives Summer conference (NI LSA)
04 JUNE 2010

Bond Solon – Excellence in Statement and Report Writing & Courtroom Skills Training - 2 day course
16 & 17 SEPTEMBER 2010

Supervisors of Midwives Winter conference (NI LSA)
28 JANUARY 2011

NI Press Clippings January and February 2010 (see more pg 3)
“Ballymena Woman Crowned Midwife of the Year” – Newsletter 3.2.10
As “ITP season” is upon us, as a final reminder / aid, the LSA would like to reiterate the following information:

Notification of Intention to Practise (ITP)
for Practice Year 1 April 2010 - 31 March 2011

Please note that all ITPs must be entered on the LSA Database by no later than 28th February 2010 in readiness for upload to the NMC on 5 March. After the initial upload has been checked by the NMC, reports of rejected entries will be sent to the LSA. We will be in touch with you to correct where necessary and amended files will be resubmitted to the NMC.

The LSA Code is the same as last year i.e. 77

Again, this year the LSA Office does NOT require photocopies of ITPs so it is vital that all LSA Database records are as up to date as possible.

As you are aware, the LSA rely on the LSA Database for production of reports so when entering the 2010/2011 ITPs for your caseload, please undertake the following “housekeeping” tasks in order to keep records up to date:

- Check for correct spelling of names and addresses
- Enter an up to date contact phone number
- Enter an up to date work email address
- If a midwife has had developmental support or supervised practice, please ensure all details are up to date and entered under the appropriate sections.
- Both registration and fee expiry dates are entered
- Supervisory review details and dates to be entered
- Midwives who have left the Trust or midwifery are “revoked” as appropriate

Fitness to Practise - changes to the Council's Register: 01 – 31 December 2009

Preparation of Supervisors of Midwives Programme
Queen’s University, Belfast – September 2010

Interviews for this programme will take place in May/June. Please send your nominations to the LSA office, with the name of a Supervisor mentor who will be allocated to one of the prospective supervisors after the selection process.

See LSAMO Forum (UK) Guideline C on www.midwife.org.uk “Nomination, selection and appointment of SoM”

Final report of the NMC reviews of the legacy WHSSB and NHSSB

The final report of the NMC reviews of the (legacy) WHSSB and NHSSB LSAs are published on the NMC website at: http://www.nmc-uk.org/aArticle.aspx?ArticleID=2580 along with the action plan.

The NMC and Public Health Agency (LSA) would like to thank everyone again who participated in the review and the LSA welcomes any suggestions on how best these recommendations can be implemented.

NI Press Clippings January and February 2010

Trust Branded “As Good as Useless” by Midwife Union – Irish News 26.1.10

Recruitment Problem sees opening of Maternity Unit Delayed – Irish news 27.1.10

Ballymena Woman Crowned Midwife of the Year – Newsletter 3.2.10

C-sections do not affect how long a mum breastfeeds
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8480778.stm - story published 27th January 2010

Fathers to be offered more help
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8467763.stm - story published 20th January 2010
Baby Friendly Initiative statement on new breastfeeding research

A number of newspaper articles have today reported on a Norwegian study which has found an association between higher levels of male hormones in pregnancy and the ability to breastfeed after birth. The authors are reported to have extrapolated from their findings that mothers’ ability to breastfeed is entirely down to these hormone levels. They are also reported to have claimed that exposure to high levels of testosterone before birth account for the differences in health outcomes between breast and bottle fed babies. The findings of this small study are of interest and may warrant further investigation. However, the claims made in relation to these findings do not account for the large differences in breastfeeding rates between countries, with some having 99% of mothers successfully breastfeeding. They are also contradicted by the large body of evidence which shows that levels of successful breastfeeding can be increased by a range of improved support interventions.

The claims made relating to the health outcomes of breastfeeding do not account for the dose response found in many studies, which show that babies breastfed exclusively or for longer periods have the best overall outcomes.

The study does not account for or tally with the known mechanisms for how breastmilk protects against illness. For example, breastmilk contains a range of anti-infective properties including immunoglobulins, white cells, anti-inflammatory components, enzymes and non-antibody factors such as lactoferrin and the bifidus factor.

The body of evidence for the benefits of breastfeeding is very large and comes from a wide range of studies into many different illnesses, carried out by numerous researchers in many different universities. Read more here.

To subscribe to this newsletter please contact: babyfriendly@comms.unicef.org.uk
Supervision, support and safety: analysis of the 2008-2009 LSA annual reports to the NMC is also now published on the NMC website at: http://www.nmc-uk.org/aArticle.aspx?ArticleID=4053

Hard copies of the report have been sent directly by the NMC to CEOs and Chief Nurses in LSA, Heads of Midwifery and Contact Supervisors, Lead Midwives for Education, MPs, and PCTs and Trust Directors of Nursing. The LSA office has a limited number which can be requested from Verena Wallace.

The NMC press release of their Supervision, support and safety report includes:

One of the main concerns highlighted in the NMC’s latest report, Support, Supervision and Safety, published today, is the ongoing shortfall between the number of midwives and rising birth rates in the UK. This has been accompanied by an increasing number of complex births and potential challenges, including substance abuse or obesity, in many areas.

NMC Chief Executive and Registrar, Professor Dickon Weir-Hughes said:

“Our report has raised a number of key concerns about the future of maternity services in the UK. An increasing birth rate was reported from all Local Supervising Authorities, bar one, and this has had a significant impact on midwife to birth ratios in several areas.

“Although successful efforts have been made to boost the numbers of midwives in many regions, others are still lagging behind and this problem could worsen as a significant proportion of experienced midwives and supervisors of midwives are now approaching retirement age.

“The NMC urges maternity service providers, related health authorities and the UK health departments to monitor the situation and act swiftly if LSAs raise concerns about the quality of care provided to mothers and babies.”

After analysing reports from all 26 of the UK’s LSAs, the NMC identified encouraging progress in several areas, including good practice regarding service development for some of the most vulnerable families.

The report also raised concerns about the increased numbers of midwives recommended to undertake a period of supervised practice and the quality and variability of maternity data which is used to monitor trends and public health outcomes.

This report contains the analysis of reports received from every LSA in the UK for the practice year 2008–2009. LSAs are impartial organisations responsible for ensuring the statutory supervision of all midwives across the UK and thereby promoting the health, wellbeing and safety of mothers and babies.
MATERNAL OBESITY WARNINGS

Expectant mothers should be weighed regularly throughout their pregnancy in a bid to combat obesity, according to the National Obesity Forum (NOF).

NOF are calling for the government to introduce more regular weigh-ins at all antenatal appointments to safeguard the health of both mother and baby.

Speaking about the increased risks of pregnancy caused by maternal obesity, chairman of the NOF Dr David Haslam said: ‘Obesity in pregnant women can lead to all sorts of problems, including the death of the mother, or the death of the baby through stillbirth or the baby having fetal abnormalities, or the woman suffering pre-eclampsia or gestational diabetes, or needing a caesarean section because either she or the baby is too big.”

Such complications arising from maternal obesity burden the NHS further where around 30% of expectant mothers are overweight or obese and approximately 35% of the women who die in childbirth are obese.

Regularly weighing pregnant women could highlight any weight problems early on so that measures could be introduced to reduce obesity risks. However, RCM professional policy advisor Janet Fyle said it would be ‘counter-productive’ to change the current practice, because women with very high body mass index were already identified and given extra monitoring if necessary.

A spokeswoman for the RCOG agreed, saying: ‘Obesity is identified as a risk factor at time of booking and a referral is made appropriately. As per the NICE antenatal care guidelines, there is no compelling evidence for routine weighing of all women at every visit.’

*Ruling out the introduction of routine regular weighing, a Department of Health spokesman referred to the NICE guidelines, which state ‘repeated weighing during pregnancy should be confined to circumstances in which clinical management is likely to be influenced*. 
This debate comes at a time when restaurants and takeaway shops will have to provide health warnings on menus as part of a new government drive to prevent obesity. The new food strategy will have a ‘Healthy Food Code of Practice’ that will ask fast food outlets and restaurants to label their meals to show the amount of sugar and fat.

Research has been released by the POPPY project (Parents Of Premature babies Project - Your needs) highlighting the importance of family-centred care in UK neonatal units. POPPY was a three-year research project, in conjunction with the University of Warwick, Royal College of Nursing Research Institute, National Childbirth Trust, Bliss and the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

The POPPY research is unique in bringing together a survey of UK neonatal units to identify current practices; evidence on parents’ needs and experiences based on interviews with parents of preterm babies; and a systematic review of previously published research studies on what works to improve communication and parents’ involvement.

The research highlights a range of good practices in many neonatal units. It also calls for all units to review and update their current provision and take steps to provide comprehensive family-centred care. The report includes a good practice checklist for units and identifies effective ways for healthcare professionals to communicate and provide information and support to parents of a preterm baby.

Some of the key findings are:

- Interviews with parents indicated that periods of transition were particularly stressful times. These include the baby’s birth and arrival on the neonatal unit, movements between different units or different levels of care and leaving the unit to take the baby home.

- Parents valued:
  - consistent, clear information about the unit and caring for their baby,
  - receiving emotional support,
  - practical guidance and encouragement in caring for and feeding their baby, including on-going support for breastfeeding.

- Continuity of care is very important for families, particularly at times of crisis, during transitional care, and at discharge when the parents are assuming full responsibility for their baby’s care for the first time.
The full report and the Executive summary can be accessed at: http://www.poppy-project.org.uk/resources/Poppy+report+for+PRINT.pdf or on the BLISS website at: http://www.bliss.org.uk/page.asp?section=808&sectionTitle=Poppy+report

Swine flu information sheet for asylum seekers, refugees and other foreign nationals in the UK

A summary of current information on swine flu can now be accessed for or by people who cannot speak or read English and who may not have access to a regular flow of news, i.e., an asylum seeker or refugee, a temporary worker in the UK or even a member of an established migrant group.

The information sheets were published on the Department of Health website on 7th January 2010 at: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_110808 They have been designed and type-set so that parts of them can be easily updated if necessary. Further language versions will follow.

- Download information sheet in Arabic (PDF, 227K)
- Download information sheet in French (PDF, 109K)
- Download information sheet in Chinese (Simplified) (PDF, 439K)
- Download information sheet in Chinese (Traditional) (PDF, 459K)
- Download information sheet in Gujarati (PDF, 531K)
- Download information sheet in Hindi (PDF, 124K)
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- Download information sheet in Kurdish Kurmanji (PDF, 117K)
- Download information sheet in Kurdish Sorani (PDF, 234K)
- Download information sheet in Latvian (PDF, 119K)
- Download information sheet in Lingala (PDF, 213K)
- Download information sheet in Pashto (PDF, 377K)
- Download information sheet in Polish (PDF, 123K)
- Download information sheet in Punjabi (PDF, 116K)
- Download information sheet in Romanian (PDF, 118K)
- Download information sheet in Russian (PDF, 125K)
- Download information sheet in Shona (PDF, 102K)
- Download information sheet in Slovak (PDF, 120K)
- Download information sheet in Somali (PDF, 106K)
- Download information sheet in Spanish (PDF, 109K)
- Download information sheet in Swahili (PDF, 220K)
- Download information sheet in Tigrinya (PDF, 417K)
- Download information sheet in Turkish (PDF, 117K)
- Download information sheet in Urdu (PDF, 1985K)

For more information to inform Asylum seekers and refugees of the principles behind the UK health system, including the role of GPs, their function as gatekeepers to the health services, how to
Pandemic (H1N1) influenza: a summary of guidance for infection control in healthcare settings

This document is an updated version of Pandemic flu: A summary of guidance for infection control in health care settings issued in September 2007. It is specific to the current pandemic influenza virus, pandemic (H1N1), and thus represents current guidance.

This document is based on the currently available virological and epidemiological knowledge about pandemic (H1N1) influenza and includes new or updated information regarding:

- transmission characteristics of pandemic (H1N1) influenza
- aerosol-generating procedures
- occupational health: deployment of staff at high risk of complications from influenza
- setting-specific guidance for mortuaries and dental surgeries.
- The guidance document has been written for the NHS, but the infection control principles apply to other settings delivering healthcare.

Full report can be accessed via:

Swine flu information

Pregnant women are one of the higher risk groups for swine flu, as they are for all influenza viruses. It is therefore important for them to take precautions.
The NHS Choices website provides full and up-to-date advice for pregnant women and parents of young children. The advice has not changed recently. It can be accessed at: http://www.nhs.uk/AlertsEmergencies/Pages/Pandemicflualert.aspx

Raising the profile of families and family services: National Family Week 2010

The UK’s second National Family Week takes place from 31 May - 6 June, and is an opportunity for practitioners working with children and young people to raise the profile of their work through a range of activities and events. It offers a platform to promote new or existing services, to encourage parents to get involved with services or to give their views, and to address specific needs or concerns.

Support for those running events – including events packs – is available from the National Family Week website.

The aim of the week is to highlight the important role families play in society, and to encourage healthy active lifestyles and quality family time. It is the largest coalition on family issues and is backed by all major political parties and a huge range of national charities, local authorities, community groups and sporting associations, plus celebrities including chef Antony Worrall Thompson, Esther Rantzen, sporting champion Sally Gunnell and Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York.

Confirmed themes include:

Monday 31 May – Family Week Picnic
Wednesday 2 June – Family Week Story Time
Friday 4 June – Family Week House Party
Saturday 5 June – Family Week Sports Day

For further information please email Bee Sachania, call 020 7871 0189 or 020 7871 0189 or visit the National Family Week website.

Root Cause Analysis training

Every day a million people are treated safely and successfully in the NHS. From time to time, things can and do go wrong.

Ensuring patients are treated safely is the top priority for NHS staff. When incidents do happen, it is important that lessons are learned across the NHS to prevent the same incidents occurring elsewhere.
Root Cause Analysis (RCA) investigations are a well recognised way of doing this, offering a framework for reviewing patient safety incidents (and claims and complaints). Investigations can identify what, how, and why patient safety incidents have happened. Analysis can then be used to identify areas for change, develop recommendations and look for new solutions.

To support the continued adoption of RCA within the NHS, the NPSA is relaunching a programme of RCA training. The initial offer will be a two day, in-depth facilitated programme, hosted at your Trust and delivered by members of the NPSA team. There will be a charge for the training programme.

If you are interested in talking to the NPSA about RCA training contact: RCATraining@npsa.nhs.uk or Telephone: 020 7927 9500

Being open: communicating patient safety incidents with patients, their families and carers

In 2005, the National Reporting and Learning Service (NRLS), one of the 3 divisions of the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) issued guidance on communicating effectively with patients when things go wrong. Following changes to the NHS since the launch, the NRLS has reviewed the guidance and developed a new Being open framework.

The new framework is a best practice guide for all healthcare staff, including boards, clinicians and PALS. It explains the principles behind Being open and outlines how to communicate with patients, their families and carers following harm.

Open and honest communication with patients is at the heart of health care. Research has shown that being open when things go wrong can help patients and staff to cope better with the after effects of a patient safety incident.

Healthcare staff may be fearful of upsetting the patient, saying the wrong thing or admitting liability. The guidance and the associated actions outlined in the Alert, provide reassurance that Being open is the right thing to do, and encourage NHS boards to make a public commitment to openness, honesty and transparency.

Being open webinars
To mark the relaunch of Being open on 19 November 2009 the NRLS presented a programme of short webinars from expert speakers. The webinars address what Being Open means for clinicians, PALS and other healthcare professionals; Boards and chief executives; legal and risk managers; embedding Being Open: the role of senior clinical counselors and how to identify them; and international perspectives on implementing open disclosure can be downloaded from the NPSA website: http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/resources/?entryid45=65077

Other resources which can be downloaded from the above website include:
- Being open: communicating patient safety incidents with patients, their families and carers
- Being open | supporting information
- Being open framework
- Being Open e-learning module
The week: issue 127, 18 December 2009 – 7 January 2010

Please note:

- The Blood spot article on page 3
- the MDA warning about Bed Mattresses on page 14.

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The NHS Information Centre, is the national provider of accessible, credible health and social care information, setting and providing rigorous data quality standards to help frontline health and social care staff plan and deliver better care.

It produces monthly e-bulletin which you can subscribe to or view in a fully-formatted version online at: www.knowledge.ic.nhs.uk/ebulletins/ic_knowledge

THE DECEMBER VERSION INCLUDED:

- Find the information you need. Fast. Start using My IC today - The IC have launched a new feature called My IC on The NHS IC website that allows users to create their own information homepage. More: http://www.knowledge.ic.nhs.uk/ebulletins/shared/article.asp?item_ID=1320


Register to receive the IC Knowledge e-bulletin and other service updates. Contact... enquiries@ic.nhs.uk Tel: 0845 300 6016 www.ic.nhs.uk

Department of Health webpage on Autism
Autism spectrum conditions (ASC) are lifelong conditions that affect how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how a person makes sense of the world around them.

To find out more information on autism and current Department of Health consultations in relation to it, visit: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/SocialCare/Deliveringadultsocialcare/DH_079431

IHI Annual National Forum December 2010

The online application for speaker proposals for the 22nd Annual National Forum is now available on the website.

Proposals can be submitted through Friday, February 26th, 2010. If you or anyone you know who is interested in presenting at the National Forum, please direct them to the webpage below:
http://www.ihi.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/22ndAnnualNationalForumonQualityImprovementinHealthCare.htm?TabId=8

IHI Forum
The IHI national forum took place in December 2009 in Orlando Florida and was attended by over 5000 people. Watch a video clip of Don Berwick’s December 9 National Forum keynote speech.


• IHI Fellow Ron Wyatt provides an overview of the forum in his blog
http://rmwyatt.wordpress.com/2009/12/12/a-house-is-not-a-home/

• Joanne Kenen of “New America Foundation” blogs about IHI’s National Forum and the exciting activity surrounding the IHI Open School.
http://health.newamerica.net/blogposts/2009/quality_the_really_early_adopters-25010

Keynote Speaker Marshall Ganz:
“In democratic countries, knowledge of how to combine is the mother of all other forms of knowledge; on its progress depends that of all the others” —Alexis de Tocqueville
Professor Ganz is a long-time organizer; a Lecturer in Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and a principal of Harvard’s Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations. He was also the principal orchestrator behind President Obama’s election campaign.
His work on ‘organising’ has significant application in healthcare and will support organisations in structuring for results.

The link below is to Marshall Ganz’s web based module on “organizing”. This is an excellent resource for anyone striving to improve the quality of healthcare. The readings and video vignettes discuss work leaders do to enable others to achieve purpose in the face of uncertainty--and develop more leaders. [http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=121229972](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=121229972)

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**Feedback from the “Engaging fathers in preparation for parenthood: A summit by Secretaries of State”**

Yorkshire and the Humber LSA was at this event, also attended by DoH, DCSF, RCM, RCOG, Children’s Centres, a PCT, Family Nurse Partnerships, NCT, various lay groups, some media “Agony aunts” and Bounty.

It show-cased three examples of maternity services involving fathers: North Staffs – “Targeted support for fathers to increase confidence in labour and reduce early admissions”; St Richards hospital Chichester – “Allowing birth partners to stay overnight” and Greengate Children’s Centre – “Barrow Dad’s group”.

Table top work focused on how to strengthen parenting education / information, but also launched the Green paper below.

**Support for All: the Families and Relationships Green Paper Launch Date:** Wednesday 20 January 2010; **Closing Date:** Wednesday 21 April 2010

This Green Paper sets out a wide range of measures to support all families as they bring up their children and to help families cope with times of stress and difficulty. The proposals recognise that while all families need some help, there are families in our society with complex needs and others who require additional - and sometimes non-negotiable - support.

The Paper’s proposals aim to influence factors that can strengthen or weaken family life, such as the choices available about balancing employment with bringing up children; and how welcoming and accessible public services are to families of all kinds.

The Paper focuses mostly on supporting family relationships by enabling families to help themselves. It also considers the position of children and other family members when family relationships have broken down.

It states what the Government will do, including:

- set out what families can expect from services at crucial stages in life — during pregnancy and birth of a child, in the period up to a child’s fifth birthday, and from the age of 5–19;

- support plans by the Royal College of Midwives to produce professional guidance for their members on how best to engage fathers around the birth of their child which also highlights the benefits for child and mother in doing so; and
● ensure the free Bounty Packs given to women will also now include a guide specifically designed for fathers;

● extend the offer of key worker support to families with disabled children aged 0–19, starting with an initial period in 2010–11 to test out how best to provide this support, with a view to rolling this out more widely through a national programme;

● commission a free parenting support booklet for parents of young people, written by independent experts and parents; and bring together online information available for families of teenagers on a range of adolescent concerns so it can be easily displayed on websites (including school sites) and on mobile phones;

● commission free materials to help parents guide their children and help them deal with commercial messages transmitted via both old and new media; and

● strengthen support for family and friends carers by: publishing for consultation a new statutory guidance framework; consulting on revised national minimum standards for fostering service providers; producing a support pack for relatives who are caring for children because of a parent’s drug or alcohol misuse; and exploring with stakeholders the difficulties experienced by family and friends carers and how to help them to access the support they need.

Some of the policy proposals can be implemented straight away; others are for consultation or will take longer to put into place.

The full Green paper, details of how to respond on-line can be accessed at: http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1685&external=no&menu=1

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**Press summaries**

**Eggs and bacon could boost baby’s brain**

Research carried out by scientists at the University of North Carolina has found that a cooked breakfast may be beneficial for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Scientists have found that a nutrient found in egg and pork products, called Choline, could play a critical role in helping foetal brains develop areas linked to memory.

*Daily Express, The Daily Mirror, The Daily Telegraph*

**Study claims breast milk doesn’t offer added benefits**

A review of 50 major studies on the benefits of breastfeeding has concluded that breast milk is no better for a child’s health than formula milk. The review, carried out by researchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology found the only benefit was a "small IQ advantage". Professor Charlotte Wright of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health described the findings of the report as "irresponsible and overblown", saying the findings ignored mothers who feed their children with formula milk through choice.

*The Daily Telegraph, The Sun, Daily Express, The Daily Mirror, Metro*

**Regular weight checks for mothers-to-be**

The National Obesity Forum (NOF) has called on the government to ensure all mothers-to-be are
weighed regularly during pregnancy to help combat future health problems for both the mother and baby from maternal obesity. A Department of Health spokesman said: "NICE [National Institute for Healthcare and Clinical Excellence] antenatal care guidelines state that normal weight and height should be measured at the booking appointment and the woman's body mass index should be calculated. The guidelines say that repeated weighing during pregnancy should be confined to circumstances in which clinical management is likely to be influenced."
**All ITPs to be on the database by 28 February 2010 for upload to NMC in March**

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