

The ‘India Birth Network’: Translating Research Into Practice

OBJECTIVES

To create a novel international maternal health partnership

To generate sustainable links between nurses, doctors and midwives in India and the UK through a series of workshops

To promote accessible evidence-based practice to improve maternity care for mothers and babies across India

METHODS



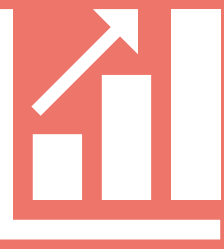
The India Birth Network (IBN) has been set up by:

- Christian Medical College Vellore (India)
- University of Liverpool (UK)

The steering committee aim to:

- improve knowledge exchange
- promote doctor-nurse-midwife teams to foster integrated care
- empower early career researchers in India and the UK
- participate in meaningful data collection such as through the ‘Ten Group Classification System’ (TGCS, or ‘Robson criteria’)

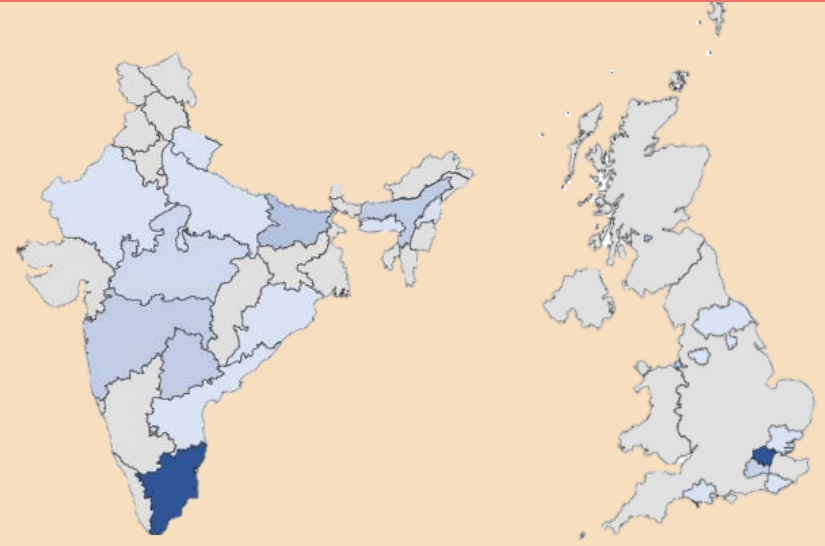
These themes were explored in an **interactive two-part workshop series**. Early-career multidisciplinary researchers were recruited from public hospitals in India (including government, military and network hospitals) and the UK to attend.



RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The workshops focused on:

- clinical management
- research skills
- quality improvement
- networking
- patient involvement in research
- nursing perspectives of care in India
- developing India-UK links



40 Indian maternity centres across 11 states and 20 UK centres participated

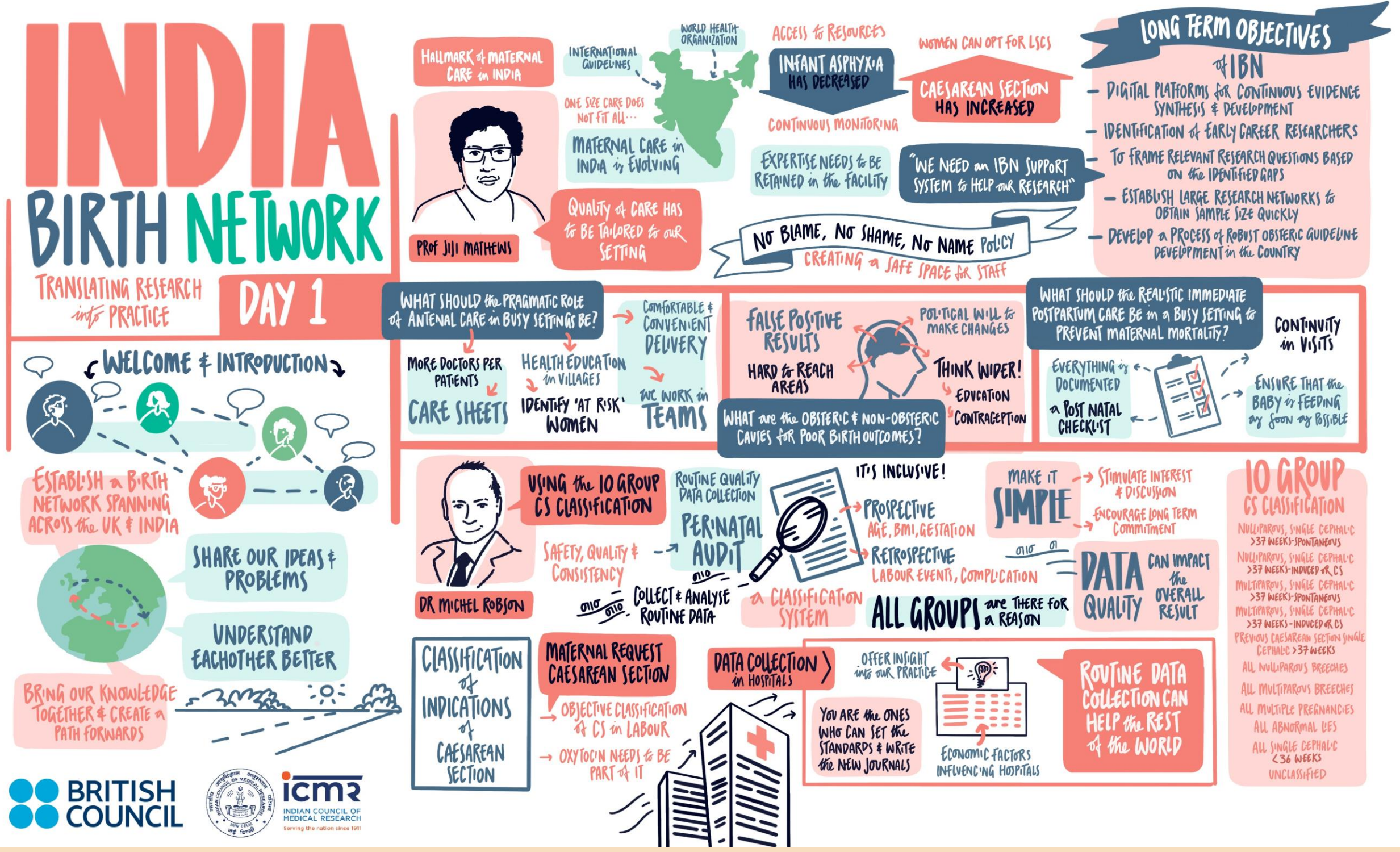
- TGCS data from both countries were presented – a useful exercise in data collection, appraisal and presentation



*“The topics and speakers were very **relevant** and **clear**”*

“I am particularly interested in using the network to support ideas for research generated by Indian members of the team.”

*“With the reach of this group, **high quality studies** could be established”*



Illustrated summaries of key IBN meetings

View the IBN highlights here!



<https://bit.ly/IBNVideo>

The IBN has successfully **identified** and **unified** early-career researchers across India and the UK to provide a platform for maternal health-related mentorship, networking and knowledge exchange.

Future directions include ensuring sustainability, identifying key research priorities and research capacity building.