

Consultant Presence Audit

CNST/MIS Safety Action 4 (Obstetric Medical Workforce)

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Objective

To ensure that RCOG requirements for consultant attendance at complex clinical situations detailed in the above document are followed in DMH as this is required to maintain patient and staff safety.

Background

The Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST), Maternity Incentive Scheme (MIS) Year 6, ICB & LMNS Assurance Framework outlines the evidence required to be shared with the North-East and North Cumbria (NENC) Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) to fulfil the requirements of the MIS guidance and technical specification.

The audit methodology and processes for MIS Year 6 have been co-designed with all 8 Trusts

There is a requirement that Trusts/organisations are to monitor compliance of consultant attendance for the clinical situations listed in the RCOG workforce document: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/careers-and-training/starting-your-og-career/workforce/roles-and-responsibilities-of-a-consultant/> when a consultant is required to attend in person.

Methodology

Retrospective data collection

5 cases were then randomly selected for each criteria (or all cases if there were less than 5 in total)

Data source was Badgernet maternity electronic patient record

Individual Badgernet maternity electronic records were then reviewed to obtain detailed information on each case

Cases were identified between October and December 2024 – Quarter 3

Compliance was measured against 100% target standard

Results

Figures 1.

Early warning score requiring HDU / ITU care	DKA in G1P0 at 31w+5d with T1DM MEOWS 4 requiring admission to ITU. Consultant present	1
Caesarean section for major placenta praevia / abnormally invasive placenta	Placenta praevia. Consultant present in all cases Abnormally invasive placenta	2 0
Caesarean birth < 28/40	Nil	0
CS < 32weeks	31w+5d / 30w+3d Consultant present for both	2
CS Transverse	40w+5d /37w+1d Consultant absent in 1 case	2
CS full dilatation	36w+5d by ST4, consultant present in all cases	5
CS BMI 50	BMI ranged between 50.5 and 81.6. Consultant present in all cases.	4
CS BMI 40	Consultant not present for 3cases	5
4 th degree perineal repair	Nil	0
3 rd degree perineal repair	Consultant not present for 1 case. Repair done by ST6	4
PPH 2000ml	PPH 2.3-4.2L. Consultant present in all	5
Vaginal Breech delivery	Consultant present.	1
Failed instrumental delivery	Nil	0
Maternal collapse	Nil	0

Figures 2.

