The BIRTH 2 UK Maternity Training Initiative is our direct and practical response to the NHS Litigation Authority’s report on ‘Ten Years of Maternity Claims’. Key themes to improve safety emerging from the report - which recognised the benefit of multi-disciplinary training - will form the basis of the training provided by Baby Lifeline.

Budget restrictions in the NHS have led to a reduced investment in training generally and in particular for external training where the interaction between those from different professions and different organisations is beneficial to maintaining standards of care.

Leading professionals have formed an extensive faculty to provide valuable training for 48 one-day courses (6 different courses, each delivered in 8 regions across the UK) enabling doctors, midwives, nurses and others to come together to continue their professional development. This new initiative looks at ways to promote safety through best clinical practice and communication to ensure the healthiest outcome possible from pregnancy and birth.

“Learning from claims and reducing harm is at the heart of the new Safety and Learning Service of the NHS LA. The training provided by Baby Lifeline supports our focus to reduce harm associated with maternity care, in particular to support the NHS in monitoring fetal heart rate and prevention of the deteriorating baby.”

The NHS Litigation Authority
Feedback So Far…

"Excellent study day - Very passionate presenter - I definitely learnt a few things!"
- Delegate from CTG Master Class, Northern Ireland

"A very good day - Very interesting to hear how other trusts manage difficult & complicated labour & deliveries. Aspects of care were discussed that I intend to further explore & implement where I work."
- Delegate from Labour Ward Dilemmas, Cambridgeshire

"Very enjoyable day! Very interesting and easy to understand. Questions were effortlessly answered. Will definitely recommend this study session."
- Delegate from MaternityPEARLS Workshop

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Price: £65 for all day training, including lunch
CTG interpretation
The main allegations centred on the failure to recognise an abnormal CTG (46%) and/or act on it (40%)

Perineal Trauma
Allegations centred on a failure to recognise the severity of injury and to adequately repair it

Uterine rupture
Almost 50% of the claims reviewed involved a delay in diagnosis of rupture or impending rupture

Learning from NHS LA Report

✓ Need for more effective training and development of staff to ensure their competency
✓ Importance of closely monitoring the progress of labour and acting appropriately
✓ It is vital that less experienced staff are well supervised
✓ Open and supportive culture, with staff aware of their own limitations and able to access assistance from senior colleagues
✓ Effective multi-disciplinary team working, and mutual professional respect, essential to the provision of safe care
✓ Maternity services must ensure that national guidance is considered and reflected appropriately within local guidelines and protocols
  o Guidance must be current, accessible, understood and acted on by staff and reviewed regularly

Action Needed Now

Predicted 743,000 babies will be born in 2014, an increase of almost a third between 2001 & 2014 (RCM, 2013).

81% increase to women aged 40 and over between 2001 and 2011 – increase in complicated births.

1 in 133 babies are stillborn or die within 7 days of birth (NAO, Nov 2013).

Costs of Clinical Negligence Claims cover in 2012/2013 was £482 million
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