



# Taking Action on Ockenden

The Ockenden Report was published in December 2020 and contained 7 Immediate and Essential Actions for Trusts.

We are proud of the safe and kind service we provide to women and their families but it's important to always strive for improvement. Every member of staff has a part to play.

1	<b>Enhanced Safety</b>	
 <b>Incident Investigation</b>	<b>Standard Required</b> Trusts must work collaboratively to ensure serious incidents are investigated thoroughly and Trust Boards must have oversight of these.	<b>Our Plan</b> We work closely with other Trusts through the LMNS. All serious incidents will be reviewed by the Trust Board on a monthly basis.
 <b>Listening to Women and Families</b>	2	
<b>Standard Required</b> Women and Families must be listened to and their voices heard.	<b>Our Plan</b> Continue our positive working relationship with the MVP. Implement the role of Independent Senior Advocate when national guidance is available.	 <b>Maternity Voices Partnership</b>
3	<b>Staff Training and Working Together</b>	
 <b>Multiprofessional Training</b>	<b>Standard Required</b> Staff who work together must train together. Consultants must carry out twice daily ward rounds.	<b>Our Plan</b> Continue with Multidisciplinary Skills training. Agree resource required to increase both training and consultant presence.
 <b>Managing Complex Pregnancy</b>	4	
<b>Standard Required</b> There must be robust pathways in place for managing women with complex pregnancies.	<b>Our Plan</b> We have clear guidelines for women with complex pregnancies. We will carry out audits to assess compliance and ensure women know who their consultant lead is.	 <b>Named Consultants</b>
5	<b>Risk Assessment throughout Pregnancy</b>	
 <b>Antenatal Care Pathways</b>	<b>Standard Required</b> Staff must ensure that women undergo a risk assessment at each contact throughout the pregnancy pathway.	<b>Our Plan</b> Midwives are excellent at considering women's risk factors throughout pregnancy. We will make these risk assessments explicit in MyCare to facilitate clear documentation and audit.
 <b>Monitoring Fetal Wellbeing</b>	6	
<b>Standard Required</b> All maternity services must appoint a dedicated Lead Midwife and Obstetrician both with demonstrated expertise to focus on and champion best practice in fetal monitoring.	<b>Our Plan</b> We have appointed fetal monitoring leads: Ed Maclaren and Liv Griffiths. They will support staff, review cases and facilitate learning.	 <b>Saving Babies' Lives</b>
7	<b>Informed Consent</b>	
 <b>Respecting Choices</b>	<b>Standard Required</b> All Trusts must ensure women have ready access to accurate information to enable their informed choice of intended place of birth and mode of birth.	<b>Our Plan</b> Information is available to women via our Online Video Library and Patient Information leaflets. We will develop MyChart to facilitate women's participation in their care.

If you have any ideas about how we can achieve all the requirements of the Ockenden Report or improve our maternity services, please talk to your Line Manager or the Senior Leadership Team.

