

Ockenden Review of Maternity Services

Trust Board	Item: 11
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Purpose of the Report: To update the Trust Board with regard to the maternity services position against the seven Immediate and Essential Actions in the Ockenden Report and provide assurance of effective implementation to the Trust Board.	
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Executive Summary: This assessment and assurance tool has been provided by NHS England following the Ockenden Review (2020) for Trust maternity services to benchmark their compliance with the seven Immediate and Essential actions from the review. The Ockenden actions have been formulated following review of the first 250 cases of care provided to women and babies within the maternity service at Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust. One of the aims of the recommendations is to ensure standardisation of the quality and safety of care within all maternity services within England and for Trust boards, Local Maternity Systems, NHS England and NHS regional teams to receive assurance that the actions have been effectively implemented. The Trust maternity service has reviewed the seven immediate outcome measures, along with the ten requirements of the Maternity Incentive Scheme. The existing evidence provides assurance that the Trust maternity service provides standards of care which meet the majority of immediate actions from the review using the Maternity services assessment and assurance tool.	

The main action where the Trust maternity service is not fully compliant is in regards to the Birthrate Plus recommended standards for the midwifery workforce staffing ratios to births. A gap analysis has been undertaken to demonstrate the recommended Birthrate Plus maternity workforce staffing ratio versus the current midwifery workforce funded establishment.

Trusts have been asked to have a plan in place to meet the Birthrate Plus standard by 31st January 2021 and to confirm timescales for implementation.

The second area where the Trust is not yet compliant with the immediate actions is in regards to the role of an Independent Maternity Advocate for women and families following a clinical incident. The Trust is awaiting further national guidance from NHS England in response to the remit and responsibilities of this role.