

Review of the governance arrangements in place to support safety within Maternity Services in Northern Ireland

Terms of Reference

1. To assess the effectiveness of overarching HSC Trust governance processes that support the safety of maternity services provided by HSC Trusts
2. To assess the effectiveness of clinical governance processes within HSC maternity services with regard to assuring safety of care
3. To assess the safety culture through seeking the views and experiences of staff on how psychological safety, learning and just culture is supported within maternity services in HSC
4. To seek the views and experiences of service users and their families in relation to maternity services in HSC
5. To identify learning and make recommendations for improvement

For the purposes of this review, 'maternity services' refers to services providing healthcare to women and their babies during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period. This includes early pregnancy care, antenatal care, intrapartum care and postnatal care provided by HSC Trusts in hospital and community settings. These maternity services are provided by professionals including midwives, obstetricians, anaesthetists and neonatologists.