

# The Best Start

## National Maternity and Neonatal Strategy

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### Early Adopter Update

It's been six months since we announced that five areas had been chosen as Early Adopter Boards. These Boards are now leading the way in implementing a series of recommendations around the new continuity of carer and local delivery model of care. A summary of key progress is outlined below:



- Creating an Alongside Maternity Unit to give women greater choice in where they give birth
- Piloting caseload teams and a specific team for vulnerable women by early summer 2018.



- Developing plans to test transitional care
- Working with NHS Highland to link a core hospital midwife with a community team to ensure continuity for women giving birth outside their Board area.



- In partnership with Clyde, developing honorary contracts for working across Board areas
- Holding obstetric clinics using Attend Anywhere so women and medical staff don't have to travel long distances.



- Opening an Alongside Maternity Unit and finalising admission criteria for women to use the facility.
- Developing community hubs and exploring the use of telemedicine within these.



- Test of change keeping mum and baby together in postnatal ward with support from the neonatal unit
- Creating a pilot team to start testing a caseload model by early summer.

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## Update from Subgroups

### Continuity of Carer and Local Delivery of Care

Developing Frameworks for Early Adopter Boards on:

- ⇒ Caseload midwives
- ⇒ Core hospital staffing
- ⇒ Community hubs
- ⇒ Transitional care

### Perinatal

- ⇒ Setting up a working group to look at cot capacity and identification
- ⇒ Exploring options for future neonatal model of care in line with national recommendations

### Workforce and Education

- ⇒ Set up a remote and rural working group
- ⇒ Speaking to Early Adopter Boards and other stakeholders about training for new model
- ⇒ Developing audit and governance for routine examination of the newborn

### National Linked Projects

- ⇒ Creating a single managed clinical network
- ⇒ Launched a new national neonatal expenses scheme

### Local Implementation Leads

- ⇒ Boards have developed local action plans and will report progress on short term targets in June 2018.

# Other News

## **RCM Awards**

On 6 March 2018 the RCM rewarded outstanding achievement in midwifery across the UK. They recognised the best new evidence-based practice projects and the best in team working. They discovered outstanding individuals making a difference for women, families and the newborn. Scotland had nominations in 6 categories and won 5 outstanding awards!!

Check out our blogs on each of Scotland's nominees:

<https://blogs.gov.scot/child-maternal-health/category/awards/>



The RCM Winners!



## **Neonatal Expenses Are you eligible?**

If your baby is in neonatal care you are entitled to financial help with travel and meal costs. Ask staff for details or pick up form NEF(1).



## **Neonatal Expenses Fund**

On 1st April 2018 a new £1.5m National Neonatal Expenses Funds was launched to allow parents of babies in neonatal care to claim expenses for travel, parking and meals. All NHS Boards have been issued with leaflets and posters to help raise awareness.

More information is available at: <https://www.mygov.scot/neonatal-expenses-fund/>

## **Glasgow maternity hospital achieves UNICEF accreditation**

The neonatal unit at Princess Royal Maternity Hospital (PRMH) in Glasgow is the first in Scotland to achieve UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative accreditation.

Read more here:

<https://blogs.gov.scot/child-maternal-health/2018/05/08/glasgow-maternity-hospital-achieves-unicef-accreditation/>



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## **Mapping a Healthy Start in Life – The Scottish Maternal and Infant Health Survey**

The Scottish Government recently carried out a survey on Maternal and Infant Nutrition, you can find out more about it below including how The Best Start implementation will support community breastfeeding!

<https://blogs.gov.scot/child-maternal-health/2018/03/09/mapping-healthy-start-life-scottish-maternal-infant-nutrition-survey/>