

National Review of Maternity Services

Advisory Panel

Terms of Reference

Background

HIW have launched a national review of maternity services across Wales. The review will run from June 2019 to summer 2020 when we will publish an all-Wales report.

The review will explore:

- The experiences of women, their partners and families

It will also explore the extent to which health boards across Wales:

- Provide safe and effective maternity services
- Understand the strengths and areas for improvement within their maternity services.

Purpose of the Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel will offer detailed support and guidance to Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) on the implementation of the National Review of Maternity Services.

HIW will seek their views on specific issues on a more frequent and ad hoc basis than that of the stakeholder group.

Role of the Advisory Panel

To provide advice on the following areas:

- to offer guidance on the methodology we are developing for Phase 2 of the review, e.g. the key lines of inquiry for governance interviews with senior staff within the health boards
- Sense check our interpretation of emerging themes and trends from the inspections of maternity units, national surveys and governance interviews to inform our overall report
- Other areas to inform the wider review as needed.

Method of working

The panel will be chaired by HIW.

The panel will meet for induction and familiarisation with the review and HIW.

The panel will be available on an ad-hoc basis to respond to emails and to meet virtually when required.

Resources

Members will be paid an agreed hourly rate. Travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed.

HIW will organise and administer meetings of the advisory panel.

Any papers will be circulated by email by HIW.

Meetings will take place in Welsh Government Offices or virtually.

Consultation arrangements

Members of the advisory panel are responsible for consulting with their own professions/networks before providing advice to HIW as necessary.

Reporting arrangements

The advice and support offered by the advisory panel will be discussed and considered by HIW's internal project board to inform the delivery of the review.

A summary of the advice offered by the advisory panel will be reported to the Maternity Review Stakeholder Reference Group.

Timescale

The review started in June 2019 and will end in the summer of 2020.

The majority of the panels work will be December 2019 - May 2020.

Group membership

2 representatives from the speciality of anaesthesia

2 representatives from the obstetric profession

2 representatives from the midwifery profession

The membership will be made up of representatives are currently or who have worked in Wales or in other UK countries.

HIW representatives:

Alun Jones Deputy Chief Executive
Rhys Jones Head of Escalation and Enforcement
Erica Hawes Head of Reviews
Emma Scott Senior Healthcare Inspector
Eleri Davies Project Manager