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## Summary

The Wales Maternity and Neonatal Network (WMNN) received a request from the Head of Midwifery and Executive Director of Nursing at Swansea Bay University Health Board (HB) in July 2022 to perform an external review of the HB Maternity service governance process. The WMNN was provided with the terms of reference for the review and in response undertook a horizon scanning exercise to identify existing frameworks for governance reviews, and on doing so found there was minimal available. Subsequently, a framework was put together by the WMNN using the following documents as an evidence base; Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Review of Maternity Services at Cwm Taf Health Board 2019, THIS Institute 'For Us' Framework and the Ockenden Report 2022. The framework has four key terms of reference including:

- Risk Management and Safety
- Patient/Service User Involvement
- Data, Clinical Effectiveness, Clinical Audit and Quality Improvement
- Workforce and Training

The framework for the review was sent to the Executive Director of Nursing and the wider SBU corporate team for approval, prior to being shared with the maternity team.

The review panel consisting of the Network's Obstetric Clinical Lead, Lead Midwife and Network Manager, visited the Singleton Hospital site on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. On Day 1 of the review the panel met with the senior management team and the governance team who provided several presentations of the evidence requested. Day 2 gave the panel the opportunity to visit the clinical areas and engage in conversation with staff members. Due to increased activity on the unit, the number of conversations was limited. Further discussions took place with the Maternity team in relation to the evidence submitted to support the framework.

The panel felt it was evident before and during the visit how much preparation and thought had gone into the review process and were grateful for the warm welcome to the unit. The panel commented on the quality of the presentations on Day 1 and felt it was very positive to have a variety of staff members leading these. The review panel found no areas of immediate concern which would have required urgent escalation.

The WMNN acknowledges that the report is detailed and comprehensive but believe it reflects the level of preparation and detail within the evidence base submitted by the HB Maternity team.

Performing a review of a HBs governance systems was a new request for the WMNN. The WMNN would therefore seek feedback on the HB's experience of how the review was undertaken through the Executive Director of Nursing.

## **ToR 1 – Risk Management and Safety**

### **Safety Culture**

The HB provided evidence that assured the panel of a robust approach to patient safety, and that staff at all levels understand their role in delivering a culture prioritising the safety of women, birthing people and their babies, and the importance of learning from events.

There are clear processes in place to ensure that staff understand governance processes; this is addressed within the induction day for newly qualified Midwives, which includes a Governance presentation covering incident reporting and the DATIX trigger list. The panel were advised that medical staff are educated on governance processes upon induction to the HB, but were not provided with any formal record of this, which is something which could be considered by the HB. Conversations with staff during the 'walkabout' on Day 2, highlighted that there are well embedded methods of dissemination of safety alerts or learning from events, though workforce and activity pressures often make it difficult to access such information. Whilst use of email to share information means that all staff have access, there could be consideration of other methods of dissemination in view of the challenges faced by the workforce in accessing their emails within their working day.

Whilst monthly DATIX reporting figures for 2022 were presented to the panel, it was acknowledged that these figures are not presented in a run chart format to monitor and identify potential underreporting of incidents. The monthly reporting numbers for March showed a marked decline, with a subsequent increase in figures from April onward. This coincided with the launch of a new national DATIX reporting system. The HB issued a user guide which was sent to all staff and made available via the WISDOM website. This provided some assurance that the HB had identified the challenges of a new reporting system, the impact that this may have on the reporting of patient safety incidents and implemented a method to counteract that.

Significant national workforce pressures have resulted in the frequent use of agency staff within the HB and measures have been put in place to ensure that all agency staff have access to the DATIX reporting system. This is an excellent effort to overcome underreporting.

During the walkabout, two staff members told the panel there was a disparity in with whom the responsibility of completion of DATIX incident reports sits, noting that in the case of an Obstetric incident, it would be the midwifery staff responsibility and not medical staff. However, when the incident involved a neonate, the neonatal medical staff would complete the incident report, not the midwifery staff. The panel would advise the HB to consider actions to improve obstetric use of the DATIX system.

Evidence was provided which reflected how the service embeds a culture of learning and improvement as a result of incidents. The panel was provided with anonymised documentation of a discussion between a Clinical Supervisor for Midwives (CSfM) and a staff member. This discussion gives the opportunity for the Midwife to receive feedback on the incident, advice and teaching on what improvements need to be made. This example also included an action for the individual who was to become involved in a project disseminating learning in relation to this incident, which was a recurring theme, using the Theme of the Month board on Delivery Suite. This is an excellent example of ensuring staff are supported to improve their practice, whilst giving them the opportunity to lead on shared learning amongst their peers.

During Day 1 of the review the panel were provided with a presentation of two case review processes. This highlighted the introduction of formal meetings to disseminate findings and explore the key learning points from Nationally Reportable Incidents (NRI) with all staff involved in the incident. In one example, the heath board provided two separate dates in a concerted effort to ensure as many of the team could attend as possible, recognising the need to ensure learning will reach as wide an audience as possible. These meetings are held in addition to sharing learning through safety briefing, risk newsletters and emails. The panel would have found it useful to see attendance reports for the learning events as part of the evidence base and would encourage consideration of maintaining these attendance records. A brief discussion concluded that there is currently no process in place for all Root Cause Analysis investigations and the panel would recommend that consideration is taken into the benefit of utilising these types of forums and not limiting these only to NRIs, though appreciate the resource impact of this.

The heath board has an identified representative who attends and presents at the regular WMNN Neonatal Mortality and Morbidity Meeting, which provides an opportunity to share learning on an All-Wales basis. The representative is responsible for feeding back the key discussions and learning points from case reviews presented at the meeting to the team within their HB. The presentation of a local clinical review and subsequent learning, led to discussion and agreement that an All-Wales action was necessary. Following this, the heath board representative was involved in the development of an All Wales Altered Fetal Movement guideline which has been ratified and adopted by several HBs in Wales. This example provides evidence the HB not only recognises their obligation to learn from events, but displays commitment to disseminating and embedding learning at a national level.

The panel was provided with an example of change as a result of thematic incidents related to the cancellation of elective caesarean sections due to the shared theatre facility for emergency and elective care planning. A business case for the relocation of elective caesarean sections to be

performed in main theatre, in order to reduce the delay to start times and the number of cancelled elective cases was submitted. The business case was successful and has resulted in a sustained change and service improvement, meaning a significant reduction in cancellations as well as a reduction in length of stay in hospital. This has impacted both patients and staff positively and has reduced the incidence for the coordination of both elective and emergency care in the obstetric theatres located on the Labour Ward. Other examples of ongoing QI and audit work included the 'Birth By' initiative and the neonatal Sepsis Risk Assessment First Temperature audit

### **Organisational/Corporate Risk Management and Adverse and "near miss" event Review Processes**

The HB Maternity and Governance Reporting document details the clear reporting structure and expected reporting arrangements. In addition to this, the Maternity Governance Terms of Reference document defines the HB's ethos, governance and incident review processes, as well as the purpose, frequency, core members and individual terms of reference for each of the governance meetings. The panel saw comprehensive minutes from an Obstetric Clinical Risk Meeting, which evidenced the presence of a full MDT team for the case discussions, the inclusion of patient questions and the agreed arrangements for sharing and learning. The panel were also provided with an anonymised Serious Incident Review, which details the actions within the five phases of this process. This provided assurance regarding incident review processes and that these are embedded within the HB governance framework.

The Quality, Safety and Risk Group Meeting is attended by the Clinical Governance Manager for Women and Childrens Services, who reports into the corporate Quality and Safety Governance Group. This provided the panel with assurance that risk is reported formally to the board and escalated appropriately.

Good Multi-disciplinary team (MDT) working was apparent with identified commitment to consistent MDT incident reviews. Evidence was presented through the development of the health board Hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy (HIE) Review Tool. The panel was provided with a description of the tool on Day 1 of the review which describes the process for a review of care for all Babies with suspected HIE (following a full-term pregnancy). The process states the case review should be concluded within 3 working days and is undertaken by key staff including an obstetrician, senior midwife and neonatal consultant to ensure a perinatal approach to the HIE review. The tool is thorough and highlights the HBs commitment to learning from incidents and embedding that learning in real time. There is an emphasis on identifying immediate actions, including the sharing of good practice. It was noted parent voices are included in the initial review by allowing opportunity for parents to submit immediate questions. The panel were impressed by the tool and felt this work should be commended. The HB

and the team involved have received nominations for the British Association of Perinatal Medicine awards based on the work they have completed around this HIE pathway.

## **ToR 2 – Patient/Service User involvement**

This section examined how the HB engages and listens to the views and experiences of its service users and how this shapes the service in terms of planning and service provision. It also explores how the voices of parents and families involved in poor or adverse outcomes, are heard and how they are involved in the review process.

The Family Engagement Framework developed by the Consultant Midwife outlines the HBs three-year plan and commitment to engaging with service users. The establishment of a Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) is one element of the framework, alongside the intention to develop a proposal for a women's experience midwife. Whilst the central PALS system is used currently for patient concerns and complaints, the HB clearly demonstrates its commitment to developing the role of a patient experience midwife in the governance structure through inclusion in the three-year plan. The framework outlines that monitoring of family feedback will be embedded within the governance framework, highlighting the importance placed on family engagement in the development of the service. The framework also proposes to increase the digital capacity to share patient and family feedback, and subsequently two midwives have been trained in how to take and present patient stories. The HB has also created a Maternity Facebook page on which service users can submit questions, comments and receive responses. The Facebook page is administered by midwives from the maternity team

A presentation on Day 1 of the review showcased the Swansea Bay Maternity Voices Partnership (SBMVP) model. The SBMVP is an initiative which brings together a working group of service users, commissioners, and maternity service staff to work together to review and develop local maternity care. The MVP is led by an independent lay chair and co-chair who ensure service user voices are heard. The team presented the recent use of the 15 Steps for maternity toolkit, a tool which allows health boards to understand the unit through the eyes of the service user, focusing on first impressions of the care surroundings and overall impressions. There were a number of suggestions and recommendations made via the toolkit, which the team are considering how to implement. There was a discussion around the cost implications of these recommendations and how the MVP could look to raise charitable funds to implement these changes.

Whilst it is acknowledged the HB are committed to engaging with service users, and the SBMVP is in its infancy, the panel would have liked to have seen an example of an embedded change as result of parental or family feedback.

The HB has implemented the standards from the Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT) regarding parental and family engagement and provided the panel with a letter template sent to all parents whose case is to be reviewed through the PMRT process, as well as correspondence which is sent to any service user whose care is undergoing a Root Cause Analysis investigation or Multi-Disciplinary Team review, due to a patient safety incident. These families are invited to provide any feedback and questions regarding their entire maternity care journey. The panel were pleased to see that the HB have incorporated this element of PMRT into other incident review frameworks.

The presentations on Day 1 of the review highlighted some excellent work around communication with families involved in serious incidents and the panel were particularly impressed by the personal element to ongoing contact from the HB on anniversaries and around the Christmas period.

The evidence provided to the panel gave assurance that the HB is committed to ensuring the voice of the service user is heard and is valued in the continual improvement journey of the service and would recommend that the HB consider seriously the business case put forward for the patient experience midwife and the benefits that would bring to the service.

### **ToR 3 - Data, Clinical Effectiveness, Clinical Audit and QI**

The Maternity Performance Dashboard was reviewed by the panel. The dashboard contains month by month data and uses a RAG rating system to compare figures to the desired outcomes. In the wake of the Ockenden report, performance measures such as caesarean section and induction of labour rates, have been under significant national scrutiny. Until maternity and neonatal services in Wales have clear service specifications, standards and quality indicators, consideration needs to be made around using performance and outcome measures, featured in the local maternity dashboard, to inform service improvements. It was reassuring that the performance dashboard was not used in isolation to drive service improvement directly.

The panel would recommend however, that consideration is given to the inclusion of data around patient experience, complaints, concerns and compliments, DATIX figures as well as staff experience and feedback within the maternity performance dashboard.

The assurance document issued across Wales to benchmark HBs against recommendations from national reports has been completed as required by the Welsh Government. There has been a lot of discussion around this document within Wales, and it must be acknowledged that this is a self-assessment that does not require any evidence to be submitted and therefore the panel did not feel it necessary to review the document in detail.

The HB provided evidence to support how guidelines are developed and implemented through the appropriate forums which are attended by a full multidisciplinary team. The guidelines are then taken for ratification at the Divisional and Service Group Quality and Safety meetings as required. The Governance lead takes responsibility for monitoring guidelines due for review and ensure staff are informed of new guidelines and or updates to existing guidelines via an email to all staff. Information on recently ratified guidelines is also shared via a Risk Newsletter circulated by the Governance team. Staff are encouraged to access guidelines via the WISDOM website accessible by any computer or device, meaning staff can access guidelines in their own time.

The HB undertakes regular monthly audits including the Quality Assurance and Spot Check audit. The spot check audit, completed monthly by the matrons for each clinical area, includes patient areas and records, resuscitation equipment and medicines management. On conclusion of the audit, feedback is provided to the clinical leads with comments and action plans devised if compliance is poor. Evidence of actions plans were seen during the visit, however the monthly audit submitted to support the framework does not show examples of action plans.

The panel was also presented with ongoing audits including the Obs Cymru paperwork audit which is completed for every Post -Partum Haemorrhage, which has been used to identify and address themes in completion of the paperwork. Feedback from this audit was provided through the Risk newsletter and CSfM team. There was an informal discussion around an ongoing audit commenced by the NIPE checker who noted the compliance of temperature checks on babies within the first hour of life was poor. This project was subsequently submitted as part of the evidence base and provides assurance that the value and methodology of audit and quality improvement is part of the culture within the HB.

During the review several Quality Improvement projects were discussed and presented to the panel, including increasing ultrasound scanning capacity and the transitional care unit. The transitional care project was another excellent example of the perinatal approach being taken by the unit. The improvements made, such as mothers returning to the unit to room in with their infants once stepped down from SCBU, though not necessarily governance process related were commendable, putting focus on women and family centered care. As a result, the team at Swansea Bay have been asked to share this work on a wider platform.

## **ToR 4 - Workforce and Training**

### **Training**

The HB have a Practice Development Midwife within their governance structure who is responsible for monitoring training and compliance. This is fed back through Quality and Safety meetings and discussed at HR workforce and Matron meetings. The HB advised that staff are given dedicated time to complete mandatory training but acknowledged that training compliance is an issue facing significant challenge in view of ongoing increased service pressures with critical midwifery staffing at this time. Workforce issues are nationally recognised and understood with work progressing through HEIW. The HB provided assurance that this has been recognised and actions have been taken to improve compliance. The panel feel it would have been useful to discuss this issue with staff, however, due to increased activity, there was a very limited number of staff available to speak with the panel.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the review, through the “walk about” of the unit and through discussions with the team, the panel were able to assess the methods adopted within the HB to enable staff to learn in an informal manner. The labour ward had multiple posters and information for staff including a real focus on “fresh ears”. During a discussion with the team the panel were informed of a regular informal CTG review held weekly, after a nightshift and run by a consultant. This consultant would have worked the previous nightshift and would choose a CTG from that shift to review and would host a short teaching session. The panel were very impressed by the commitment and dedication of the consultant to teaching and offering alternative learning sessions, as well as reflecting on cases which did not necessarily have a poor or adverse outcome, but to look at every case as an opportunity to learn.

Safety and staff huddles are regularly used to disseminate learning within the HB. The CSfM team are also instrumental in delivering informal learning and disseminating any lessons learnt from incidents. The panel were provided with evidence of an anonymised reflective learning, which is used within Group Supervision sessions run by the CSfM team. These sessions also incorporate historical safety briefings from April 2022, to reiterate any points for learning. Staff are often encouraged to engage in reflective practice within Group Supervision sessions, which enables meaningful discussion and shared learning amongst the attendees.

## **Leadership, Management and Workplace Culture**

The panel found there to be effective clinical leadership within the maternity service at the HB. At the time of the review there were several key clinical leaders unavailable for work. The panel felt that whilst this understandably had some impact, this wasn't apparent during conversations with staff. Staff did not relay concerns or unease. Whilst undertaking the "walkabout" of the unit with members of the senior management team, staff appeared at ease and were happy and encouraged to speak openly with the panel. This provided reassurance of a positive working culture within the unit and that staff are accustomed to seeing senior management on the ward regularly, indicating they are visible and accessible. Senior Management has an open door policy though acknowledge that management offices are not ward based and made recommendations that these are moved. One panel member enquired about the whereabouts of resuscitation equipment, the (DHoM) Senior manager responded and directed the panel to the equipment. This was recognised as good clinical practice and integration of senior management within the clinical area.

Whilst management and leadership were seen to be effective it was acknowledged that managers have not received any formal training. Leadership training has been undertaken, however.

Leaders within the service received excellent feedback from staff. The panel heard comments on the extremely supportive nature of the CSfM team. The Lead Midwife for Quality, Safety and Risk was nominated for the RCM Caring for You Legacy Midwife of the Year Award. This member of staff has received Trauma Risk Management training, a welfare led process which is intended to assess the response of a member of staff who has been exposed to a potentially traumatic incident. The feedback from the nomination highlighted that this individual provided a significant amount of support to during a difficult case. This provides assurance of a positive, supportive, and collaborative working culture and an environment which prioritises the psychological safety of its staff.

The panel were aware of several senior managers and leaders who were unavailable for work at the time of and in the run up to the visit, however felt that during the review that this was not an area of concern and did not feel that this impacted upon the quality of the evidence submitted or presented to the panel.

## **Conclusions**

The panel visited during a period where the HB were facing significant service pressures.

The panel saw evidence of a HB that delivers a culture of patient safety and prioritises opportunities for improvement through reflecting on data and lessons learned through adverse events. The HB provided multiple examples of MDT working and have recognised the importance of a perinatal approach within maternity services which is exemplified in the development of the HIE pathway. Clinical Risk incident reviews appear to be discussed within the appropriate forum, with the appropriate membership. The governance team are dedicated to supporting the feedback and learning from events and have implemented robust processes to do this which are widely recognised by staff.

A commitment to continual and measurable improvement was evidenced through the number of audit and quality improvement projects outlined to the panel and highlight the drive to improve care and outcomes. The elements featured within the Family Engagement Framework and the implementation of the parental engagement standard of the PMRT across all reviews evidence that the HB recognises and values the impact this will have on the development of their service.

The team that presented during the review recognised their challenges and demonstrated a clear understanding of areas for continued improvement and used this opportunity to formally document their own recommendations.

The WMNN would like to thank Swansea Bay University HB for the opportunity to undertake this review.

Appendix 1

Wales Maternity & Neonatal Network Swansea Bay UHB Review Framework

<p><b>This is a framework put together by the Network using the following documents as an evidence base; RCOG RCM Review of Maternity Services at Cwm Taf Health Board 2019, THIS Institute ‘For Us’ Framework and the Ockenden Report 2022.</b></p>		<p><b>Health Board Evidence</b></p>
<p><b>ToR1 - Risk Management and Safety</b></p>		
<p><b>Safety Culture</b></p> <p><b>Assess the prevalence and effectiveness of a patient safety culture within maternity services and that the unit uses multiple methods to sense and anticipate problems and identify opportunities for improvement, including staff and family voices, hard data and clinical simulation. You will be required to provide the evidence to support the following:</b></p>		
1.1	<p>a) The understanding of staff of their roles and responsibilities for delivery of that culture;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is incident reporting covered in induction for both midwifery and medical staff?</li> <li>• Staff at all levels understanding patient safety and safety processes</li> <li>• Effective, embedded processes for the dissemination of learning from events to staff at all levels</li> </ul>	
1.2	<p>b) Identifying any concerns that may prevent staff raising patient safety concerns within the Health Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety culture and measuring/monitoring of safety culture</li> <li>• Reporting culture, how many incidents go unreported How is this monitored and escalated?</li> <li>• Risk management responsibility across the MDT</li> <li>• Staff perception of patient safety processes</li> </ul>	
1.3	<p>c) Services are well led, and the culture supports learning and improvement following incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of supported learning, staff experience, formal processes to embed learning</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of good practice and celebrating success</li> <li>• Evidence of changes as a result of thematic incidences</li> </ul>	
<b>Organisational/Corporate Risk Management</b>		
<b>A management structure is in place, which supports the risk management accountability arrangements within the Trust and ensures all corporate risks are properly considered and communicated to the board. You will be expected to provide evidence to support the following:</b>		
1.4	How, through the governance framework, the Health Board gains assurance of the quality and safety of maternity and services	
<b>Adverse and “near miss” event Review Processes</b>		
<b>Review the investigation process, RCA’s, how NRIs are identified, reported and investigated with the maternity services; how recommendations from investigations are acted upon by the maternity services; how processes ensure sharing of learning amongst clinical staff, senior management and stakeholders and whether there is clear evidence that learning is undertaken and embedded as a result of any incident or event. You will be expected to provide evidence of the following:</b>		
1.5	The unit has a range of formal risk management systems, processes and roles, including audit and a risk management team, that are known and used by staff in the unit.	
1.6	NRI process, feedback to staff, learning, timeframes for learning, evidence of embedding learning in practice	
1.7	Do individuals undertaking RCA’s have good understanding of RCA methodologies and all reviewers have had appropriate training?	
1.8	Escalation and review of DATIX incidents in a timely manner. Considering current open investigations, what time scale are you working to?	
1.9	Clinical Risk review processes and panel composition Are frontline staff and medical trainees engaged in these processes?	
1.10	Well established and attended perinatal mortality meetings (PMRT), with clear process for disseminating learning to staff at all levels.	

1.11	Process for feeding back findings of RCAs to staff involved. Are staff given opportunity to read RCA and what support is provided to them?	
1.12	Processes to feedback findings of an RCA to staff at all levels.	
1.13	Risk processes and risk management systems reviewed and optimised.	
<p><b>Suggested Evidence –</b>  In respect of <b>1.3</b> we would propose a short presentation on changes as a result of thematic incidences  In respect of <b>1.9</b> we would request a presentation of a small number of case reviews to outline the review processes. <b>Please omit clinical detail. PMRT, HIE, Maternal death, or any other challenging case.</b></p>		

	<b>ToR 2 - Patient/Service User Involvement</b>	
<p><b>Assess the level of patient engagement and involvement within the maternity services and determine if patient engagement is evident in all elements of planning and service provision. Assess whether services are patient centred, open and transparent. You will be required to provide evidence to support the following:</b></p>		
2.1	How does the health board engage and listen to the views of women and families	
2.2	Patient experience role within the governance team and responding to concerns	
2.3	Engagement and communication with women and families with poor experiences or outcomes	
<p><b>Suggested Evidence –</b> We would welcome a presentation to address the above if not already encompassed within earlier presentations</p>		

**ToR 3 – Data, Clinical Effectiveness, Clinical Audit and QI**

**To review the current provision of care within maternity services in relation to local and national standards and indicators. You will be asked to provide evidence to support the following:**

3.1	Maternity dashboard, outcomes and data, national audits What is the dashboard and how does this drive performance?	
3.2	Assurance document and benchmarking against national recommendations	
3.3	Clinical standards and guidelines – a systematic framework for the development and implementation of local clinical guidelines and protocols based on experience and evidence	
3.4	Audit, Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement	
3.5	An understanding of data and demographics, and the ability to target at risk groups and develop services tailored to the needs of these groups	

**Suggested Evidence**  
In respect of **3.4** we would propose a presentation of QI project based on an action as a result of an investigation which has been implemented and successful sustained

**ToR 4 - Workforce and Training**

**Training – Competence supported by formal training and informal learning. You will be asked to provide evidence of the following:**

4.1	How is mandatory training compliance managed and monitored?	
4.2	How staff learn in less formal ways, for example through mentorship, observing colleagues at work, and discussing and reflecting on clinical cases. Access to debrief for all staff is seen as a valuable tool to promote learning.	

<b>Leadership - Leadership, management and governance receive targeted development to secure and sustain future improvement and performance. You will be asked to provide evidence of the following:</b>		
4.3	Have senior management received formal management training?	
4.4	Have those in leadership roles received formal leadership training?	
4.5	Are those in leadership and management roles visible and accessible?	
4.6	Is there a system in place to enable staff to feel safe to escalate concerns and are concerns/suggestions responded to promptly by senior management?	
<b>Workplace Culture - The working culture within maternity including inter-professional relationships, staff engagement and communication between health care professionals and their potential impact on improvement activities, patients' safety and outcomes. You will be asked to provide evidence of the following:</b>		
4.7	Evidence of good MDT working -Team regard skills, knowledge and expertise as more important than seniority or professional roles: the person with the right skills for the specific task will intervene	
4.8	Local process/policy regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>disagreements between professional roles and how these are managed and resolved</li> <li>how disruptive or bullying or undermining behaviours are recognised and managed</li> </ul>	
4.9	The goals and value of the unit are made clear and there is shared expectation that all members of staff will behave consistently with these goals	
4.10	Staff wellbeing and morale are recognised as important contributors to safety. How do you ensure the psychological safety and wellbeing of your staff?	
Suggested Evidence -		