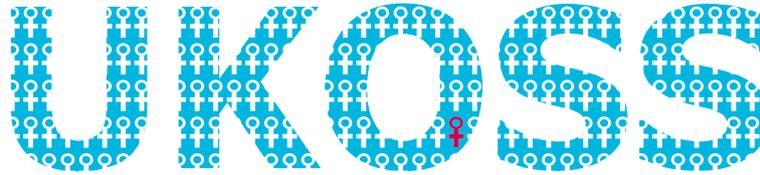
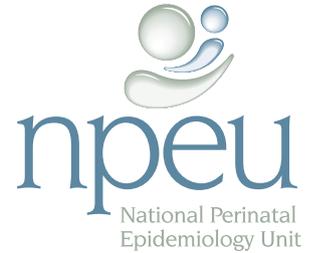




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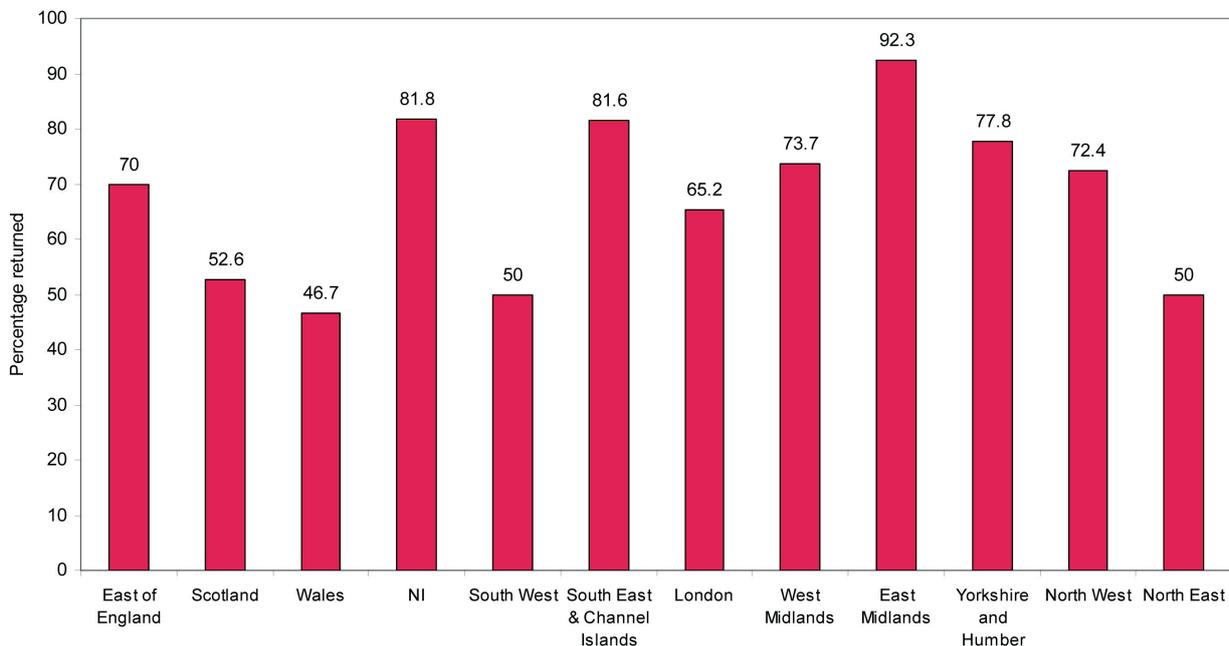


Newsletter 1: April 05

A new national system to study rare disorders of pregnancy

Welcome to the first UKOSS newsletter! Data collection began on 1st March and to date we have had a tremendous **70%** response rate. Thanks to all of you who have returned your cards so promptly, we look forward to hearing from you again in April. For those of you who have not yet returned your first cards, please send them back as soon as possible as your next reporting card should already have arrived.

The regional honours for this month go to the East Midlands, where more than 90% of hospitals have returned cards, with Northern Ireland and South East & Channel Islands close seconds. Congratulations!



Response rates by region for March 2005

162 hospitals
returned cards.
49 cases reported

Disorder	Number of cases
Acute Fatty Liver	2
Amniotic Fluid Embolism	0
Antenatal Pulmonary Embolism	6
Eclampsia	16
Peripartum Hysterectomy	15
Tuberculosis	10

Thanks to the following hospitals who have returned cards in March:

Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
Airedale General Hospital
Alexandra Hospital
Arrowe Park Hospital
Ayrshire Central Hospital
Barnsley District General Hospital
Basildon Hospital
Bassetlaw District General Hospital
Bedford Hospital
Birmingham City Hospital
Birmingham Women's Hospital
Borders General Hospital
Bradford Royal Infirmary
Bronglais Hospital
Burnley General Hospital
Caithness General Hospital
Calderdale Royal Hospital
Causeway Hospital
Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
Cheltenham General Hospital
Chesterfield & North Derbyshire Royal Hospital
Conquest Hospital
Countess of Chester Hospital
Craigavon Area Hospital
Cumberland Infirmary
Daisy Hill Hospital
Darent Valley Hospital
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Derby City General Hospital
Derriford Hospital
Dewsbury and District Hospital
Diana Princess of Wales Hospital
Doncaster Royal Infirmary
Dr Gray's Hospital
Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary
Ealing Hospital
Eastbourne District General Hospital
Epsom General Hospital
Erne Hospital
Forth Park Hospital
Friarage Hospital
Frimley Park Hospital
Furness General Hospital
George Eliot Hospital
Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Good Hope Hospital
Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital
Harold Wood Hospital
Harrogate District Hospital
Hereford County Hospital
Hexham General Hospital
Hillingdon Hospital
Homerton Hospital
Horton Hospital
Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth
Ipswich Hospital
James Cook University Hospital
Jersey General Hospital
John Radcliffe Hospital
Kettering General Hospital
Kings College Hospital
King's Mill Hospital
Kingston Hospital
Lagan Valley Hospital
Leeds General Infirmary
Leicester General Hospital
Leicester Royal Infirmary
Leighton Hospital
Lincoln County Hospital
Lister Hospital
Liverpool Women's Hospital
Luton & Dunstable Hospital
Macclesfield District General Hospital
Maidstone General Hospital
Mater Infirmorum Hospital
Mayday Hospital
Medway Maritime Hospital
Mid-Ulster Hospital
Milton Keynes General Hospital
New Cross Hospital
Newham General Hospital
Nobles Hospital
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
North Devon District Hospital
North Hampshire Hospital
North Middlesex Hospital
North Tyneside General Hospital
Northampton General Hospital
Nottingham City Hospital
Pembury Hospital
Peterborough Maternity Unit
Pilgrim Hospital
Princess Alexandra Hospital
Princess Anne Hospital
Princess Elizabeth Hospital
Princess of Wales Hospital
Princess Royal University Hospital
Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn
Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital
Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup
Queen's Hospital
Queen's Park Hospital
Rochdale Infirmary
Rotherham District General Hospital
Royal Berkshire Hospital
Royal Bolton Hospital
Royal Cornwall Hospital
Royal Free Hospital
Royal Gwent Hospital
Royal Hampshire County Hospital
Royal Lancaster Infirmary
Royal London Hospital
Royal Maternity Hospital
Royal Oldham Hospital
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
Royal Surrey County Hospital
Royal Sussex County Hospital
Salisbury District Hospital
Sandwell District General Hospital
Scarborough Hospital
Southend Hospital
Southern General Hospital
St Helier Hospital
St James's University Hospital
St John's Hospital
St Mary's Hospital, IOW
St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth
St Richard's Hospital
Staffordshire General Hospital
Stepping Hill Hospital
Tameside General Hospital
Taunton and Somerset Hospital
The Jessop Wing
The Women's Hospital
Trafford General Hospital
Ulster Hospital
University Hospital Lewisham
University Hospital Nottingham
University Hospital of Wales
Victoria Hospital
Walsgrave Hospital
Wansbeck General Hospital
Warwick Hospital
Warwick Hospital
Watford General Hospital
West Cumberland Hospital
West Middlesex University Hospital
West Suffolk Hospital
West Wales General Hospital
Western Isles Hospital
Wexham Park Hospital
Whiston Hospital
Whittington Hospital
Wishaw General Hospital
Worcestershire Royal Hospital
Worthing Hospital
Wrexham Maelor Hospital
Wythenshawe Hospital
Ysbyty Gwynedd District General Hospital

The UKOSS launch meeting 11th February 2005, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

We were delighted that 50% of UK obstetric-led units were represented at our launch meeting. The meeting was introduced by Professor Jim Dornan, Senior Vice-President of the College, who emphasised the high level of support for this new joint initiative. It was a full day with presentations by Professor Michael Preece (Institute of Child Health), Dr Jenny Kurinczuk and Dr Marian Knight (both NPEU) focusing on how UKOSS will work. Other sessions looked at use of surveillance information and how the data from the UKOSS studies can be used, led by Dr Chris Verity (Addenbrookes Hospital), Professor Ian Greer (CEMACH) and Mr Derek Tuffnell (Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust). Dr Margaret McGuire (Scottish Executive Department) provided us with a graphic comparison of risk management on the delivery ward with risk management in the banking industry during an armed raid!

The meeting finished with an introduction to the first six UKOSS studies by Dr Cathy Nelson-Piercy (Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital) and questions and general discussion.

Our thanks to all of you who were able to come to the launch. Feedback was very positive. For those who were unable to join us, we plan to hold similar events in the North East and South West in the autumn.



Delegates at the launch



Introduction by Prof Jim Dornan,
Senior Vice-President, RCOG

Comments from launch feedback:

"An excellent day. Very interesting and informative. All speakers presentations maintained interest and contributed to the overall quality of the day."

"Information was very interesting and would be good to take back to colleagues."

"Really informative day."

In the News

UKOSS has been featured on the BBC and RCOG websites:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/4255425.stm>

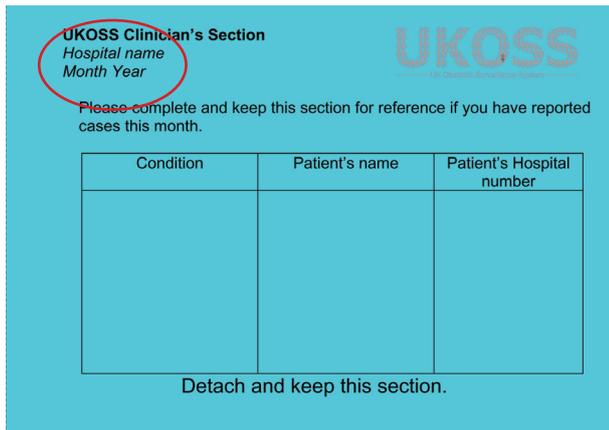
http://www.rcog.org.uk/press_releases.asp?PageID=33&PressReleaseID=103

UKOSS Folders

You should all by now have received your UKOSS folders. If anyone has not yet received one and would like one, please contact Carole or Marian (see back page).

REMINDER

Cards that are sent to you at the beginning of each month should be used to report cases for the previous month. For example, the card you received at the beginning of March should be used to report cases in February, and the card you have just received in April should be used to report cases in March. Cases should be reported for the month and year shown on the Clinician's Section of the card.



The image shows a template for the 'UKOSS Clinician's Section' of a card. It features a light blue background with the 'UKOSS' logo in the top right. The text 'UKOSS Clinician's Section' is circled in red, with 'Hospital name' and 'Month Year' listed below it. A note says 'Please complete and keep this section for reference if you have reported cases this month.' Below this is a table with three columns: 'Condition', 'Patient's name', and 'Patient's Hospital number'. At the bottom, it says 'Detach and keep this section.'

Condition	Patient's name	Patient's Hospital number

More UKOSS Information

A powerpoint presentation summarising UKOSS and the first studies is available on our website at www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss.

Two articles explaining UKOSS further have been published:

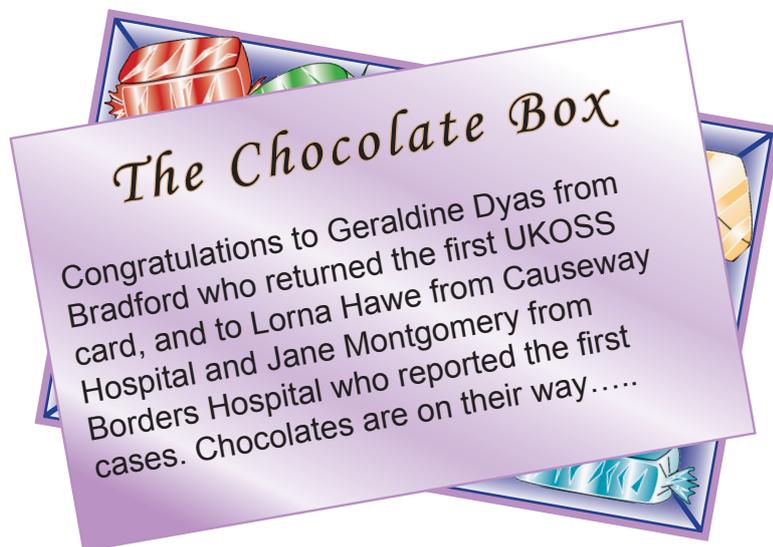
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UK obstetric surveillance system uncovered. *Midwives.* 8(1):38-39.

Further information has also been included in RCOG News, Ph.com and Pencil-point.



Coming soon.....

UKOSS Roadshows will be held in the North East and South West in the autumn. Watch this space or the website for more details!

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