

LMC LIAISON UPDATE
09/09/22

CORTEX

- There was a new version of the Maternity Clinical Summary and the Maternity Pathway on the 5th of September.
The updated maternity Clinical Summary will include the Maternity Risk Screening questions and FVS questions – so no need for these to be filled in separately.
There will be ample space for writing clinical notes **within** the Maternity Pathway and this should be utilised rather than writing lots of clinical notes separately.
- DAU and MAU will be moving to Cortex forms on 13th September.
- New forms have been created replacing the old HCS forms. All core staff and LMC's will be using the Cortex forms
- Any feedback should be sent to Sonya Kemp or Jacqui Newell.

MATERNITY GUIDELINES

- The Maternity Sepsis Guideline has been updated and can be found on the Maternity Guidelines Webpage.
This covers: -
Maternity Sepsis Guideline
Maternal Sepsis pathway
Sepsis Box Checklist

TRANSFER OF BABIES TO PRIMARY UNITS

There have been incidences of babies arriving to the primary units cold. Please remember to check the baby temp prior to transfer, have the baby in adequate clothing and layers.

Please ensure that when transferring to a primary unit that women and babies go straight to the unit they are transferring to.

UPDATE ON MISSED BIRTH FEE AND CLAIMING IF YOU PROVIDE LABOUR AND BIRTH CARES

Since the Maternity Notice 2021 came out there has been some confusion around who can claim for what in regards to providing labour and birth cares for a rural woman and the LMC still being able to claim a missed birth fee.

I have spoken with MMPO and if a rural woman (Ashburton or Kaikoura) has to leave their area to birth at CWH then the LMC is able to claim a missed birth fee. If another LMC provides labour and birth cares then she is to register the woman and claim labour and birth cares. When the woman returns to her local area she is then reregistered with her original LMC who provides postnatal cares. I know there has been a lot of confusion regarding this and MMPO have said that they have had similar conversations throughout the country since the new notice was published.

I hope this makes it clearer and easier for those providing care to be adequately compensated for the care they provide.

For Christchurch based LMC's if you are booking women from Ashburton please could you send a booking form to the Ashburton Maternity Unit regardless of where they are planning to birth. If a woman needs to be seen for whatever reason antenatally then it is handy for the Unit to have some information on this woman.

If you are a Christchurch based LMC with a woman from Ashburton then please consult with the Unit if your woman needs to be seen urgently. The unit is only staffed with one midwife. There has been situations recently where the Ashburton LMC's have had to come in and help in an emergency

BIRTHING ROOMS

There has been a request from hospital aides and core staff. When a woman has birthed and discharged from CWH or a core staff takes over care there have been instances where they have found sharps that have not been disposed of, food trays and overfull rubbish bins. Could we all please be aware that it is not the job of the aides to clean up our messes after we have left the room.

This is a health and safety issue too, if there is amniotic fluid on the floor if others need to come in if there is an emergency they could slip. If there is blood on the floor it could be transferred on the bottom of shoes to other rooms.

It is our responsibility to leave the rooms tidy enough so they can be stripped and cleaned in a timely manner ready for the next woman to use.