



## Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries

*Improving the health of mothers, babies and children*

### What is CMACE and what is its aim?

The Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries (CMACE) started in July 2009 and is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. Its overall charitable objective is to collect data, carry out surveys and conduct enquiries and reviews with a view to providing information and developing recommendations for improving health outcomes for mothers, babies and children.

### What does CMACE do?

#### CEMACH programme

CMACE carries out a range of work programmes, of which the largest is the CEMACH programme. This encompasses that part of the national confidential enquiries dedicated to mothers, babies and children i.e.

- the maternal and perinatal enquiry
- the child health enquiry.

The maternal and perinatal enquiry has a long pedigree. It consists of ongoing work (i.e. the maternal death enquiry and perinatal mortality surveillance) and time-limited projects. It is an integrated programme because the time-limited projects are selected to investigate issues identified by the ongoing studies. The current maternity project is obesity in pregnancy. This was selected because it was found by our maternal and perinatal work to be an important risk factor in stillbirths and deaths of mothers and babies.

Full details are on the CMACE website [www.cmace.org.uk](http://www.cmace.org.uk)

CMACE also carries out a national child health enquiry as part of the CEMACH programme. This work started in 2004. The first project was a child death review, which was reported in 2008 as 'Why Children Die: a pilot study'. The current enquiry is on head injury in children.

The national confidential enquiry programme is carried out on behalf of funding bodies across the UK and beyond. These include:

- The National Patient Safety Agency
- The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety of Northern Ireland
- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland
- The National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre, University of Cork
- The States of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

## Other CMACE work

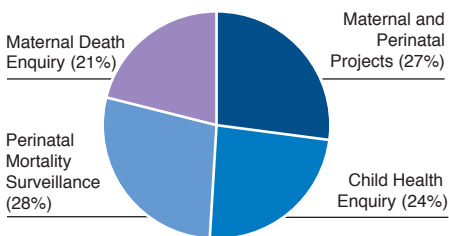
There are four other programmes of work undertaken by CMACE:

- Local clinical audits and confidential enquiries
- Local access to perinatal mortality surveillance data
- Child death data collection for Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs)
- Research projects and collaborations.

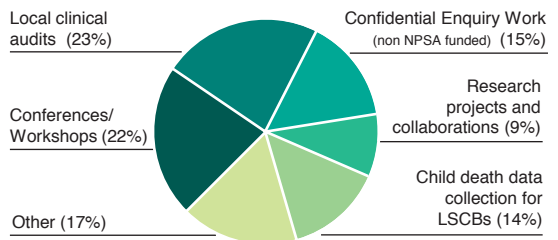
## CMACE's funding

In 2009/10 CMACE received approximately £1.4m from the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) and £550k from other sources, split as follows:

**NPSA Funding 2009/2010**



**Other Funding Sources 2009/2010**



### How to find out more

Copies of our reports and more information about CMACE together with contact details of our central and local offices can be found on our website at:

[www.cmace.org.uk](http://www.cmace.org.uk) or by telephone on **020 7486 1191**