



# Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries

*Improving the health of mothers, babies and children*

## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

### WHAT ARE THE CMACE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS?

CMACE has established a programme of 'Interactive Workshops' arising from our projects and confidential enquiry reports. There are currently three streams:

- **Saving Mothers' Lives**
- **Diabetes in Pregnancy**
- **Why Children Die**

Workshops for **Obesity in Pregnancy** are in development and will commence after the report launch in autumn 2010.

### WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS?

The aim of workshops is to disseminate the enquiry/report findings and to encourage participants to consider and plan ways in which they can implement the recommendations within their practice.

### WHAT DO THE WORKSHOPS ENTAIL?

Workshops take place across one day. Presentations set the scene for the interactive part of the day and provide an overview of the report findings and recommendations. Where possible service users are invited to talk about their experiences accessing care or dealing with serious obstetric, medical or psychiatric complications and their consequences.

#### **Breakout groups**

Following presentations participants are split into small breakout groups where they examine anonymised case histories adapted from the subject report, with the support of an expert clinician acting as facilitator. Participants are asked to:

- Consider what would happen if the woman or child came into their service and if this case could reoccur there
- Identify examples of local good practice
- Propose actions required both within their own practice and the wider service, necessary to meet the report recommendations (e.g. policy development, specific training, formulation of business cases and local or regional audit)
- Present good practice and action points to the wider audience within a feedback session.

These points and any ensuing debate form the basis of a workshop report written by CMACE. This is distributed to all participants to take forward in practice.

## WHO ARE THE WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE TO?

The workshops are designed for all members of the multidisciplinary team who would provide care to a woman or child, within primary or secondary care. Having a varied group of professionals allows perspectives to be shared and a rounded assessment of care and services to be undertaken. This also provides an excellent opportunity for shared education and networking.

Depending on the workshop stream the group may include:

- General Practitioners
- Midwives
- Obstetricians
- Anaesthetists
- Representatives from the Emergency Department, Critical Care or Theatres
- Dieticians
- Diabetes Specialist Nurses
- Diabetologists
- Representatives from Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs) and Local Safeguarding Children's Boards (LSCBs)
- Named Safeguarding Nurses and Doctors
- Those working in social care settings
- Service and Risk Managers
- Commissioners

Forty places are available at each event. Interactive workshops are either commissioned directly by an organisation such as a Trust, PCT, SHA or LSA for clinicians working within that body, or are run on a regional basis.

Typically Why Children Die and Diabetes Workshops are offered on a regional basis and are open to anyone who books a place through the local CMACE office.

## COSTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

To commission an interactive workshop for your organisation costs £3,500 plus VAT. Places at regional workshops are available on request.

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