

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table A. Perinatal mortality: planned freestanding midwifery unit group[†]

<i>Infants</i>	<i>Obstetric details/ complications</i>	<i>Neonatal details/ complications[†]</i>
Stillbirths (20 to 24 weeks gestation)		
<i>n</i> =2	Antenatal transfer to tertiary referral hospital.	Congenital anomaly.
Stillbirths (37 to 41 weeks gestation)		
<i>n</i> =1	Antenatal transfer to tertiary referral hospital.	Fetal death in utero.
<i>n</i> =1	Antenatal transfer to tertiary referral hospital.	Concerns for fetal wellbeing.

[†]No intrapartum stillbirths recorded

Table B. Perinatal mortality: planned tertiary level maternity unit group[†]

<i>Infants</i>	<i>Obstetric details/ complications</i>	<i>Neonatal details/ complications[†]</i>
Stillbirths (20 to 24 weeks gestation)		
<i>n</i> =3		Congenital anomaly.
<i>n</i> =1		Chorioamnionitis.
Neonatal deaths (20 to 24 weeks gestation)		
<i>n</i> =6		Congenital anomaly.
<i>n</i> =3	Premature labour.	
<i>n</i> =1	Prolonged pre-term rupture of membranes.	
Stillbirths (25 to 32 weeks gestation)		
<i>n</i> =1	Placental abruption, hypertension.	
<i>n</i> =1	Antepartum haemorrhage.	
<i>n</i> =1		No documented complications.
<i>n</i> =1		Congenital anomaly.
Neonatal death (25 to 32 weeks gestation)		
<i>n</i> =1	Premature labour.	Respiratory distress, NICU.
Neonatal deaths (33 to 36 weeks gestation)		
<i>n</i> =1		Diaphragmatic hernia, NICU.
<i>n</i> =1	HELLP syndrome.	Respiratory distress, NICU.

n=1	Caesarean section (LSCS) for non-reassuring cardiotocograph (CTG) and fetal blood sampling.	Isoimmunisation, intrauterine transfusion, SCN.
Stillbirths (37 to 41 weeks gestation)		
n=2		No documented complications.
n=1	Anhydamnios.	
n=1	Antepartum haemorrhage.	
Neonatal deaths (37 to 41 weeks gestation)		
n=1	Hypertension, LSCS for delayed second stage and non-reassuring CTG.	Respiratory distress, NICU.

† No intrapartum stillbirths recorded

Table C. Severe maternal morbidity by planned place of birth*

<i>Women</i>	<i>Obstetric details/ complications</i>	<i>Neonatal details/ complications[†]</i>
Planned place of birth: freestanding midwifery unit		
n=1	Maternal cardiac arrest and collapse during first stage of labour, possible amniotic fluid embolism , caesarean section (LSCS) at nearest general hospital, postpartum haemorrhage greater than 1500ml, multiple blood products, hysterectomy . Postnatal transfer to non-referral tertiary hospital.	37-41 weeks gestation. Baby transferred to NICU.
Planned place of birth: tertiary level maternity unit		
n=1	Elective lower segment caesarean section (ELSCS) for previous LSCS, cervical suture and antepartum haemorrhage (550mls). PPH greater than 1500mls, hysterectomy .	25 to 32 weeks gestation, respiratory distress, low haemoglobin, NICU.
n=1	Premature labour, ELSCS for breech and previous LSCS. PPH greater than 1500mls, blood transfusion (19 units), hysterectomy .	33 to 36 weeks gestation.
n=1	ELSCS for placenta praevia grade 4 and previous LSCS. PPH between 1000 and 1500mls, hysterectomy .	33 to 36 weeks gestation, respiratory distress, NICU.
n=1	ELSCS for major placenta praevia, isoimmunisation and previous LSCS. PPH greater than 1500mls, postnatal transfer to another hospital .	33 to 36 weeks gestation, presence of maternal antibodies, special care nursery (SCN).
n=1	ELSCS for placenta accreta and previous LSCS. PPH 1000 to 1500mls, hysterectomy .	37 to 41 weeks gestation.

* Severe maternal morbidity highlighted in bold