



Bliss quarterly update - Autumn 2019

Hi Helen,

The Bliss Healthcare Engagement Team are keen to **keep you more informed of our activity and the activity of the units in your network** throughout the year.

You can also keep up to date by signing up to our bi-monthly newsletter for healthcare professionals - [The Bliss Journal](#).

We hope you will find these updates useful and provide you with all the information you need. Please do feedback to let us know if you would like us to include anything else in future or if you have any further questions.

Bliss Baby Charter update - Yorkshire and Humber

Number of units engaged: 19

Number of units undergoing audit 1: 1

Number of units undergoing audit 2: 15

Number of units undergoing audit 4: 1 (Leeds General Infirmary)

We will be holding a pre-assessment visit at Barnsley in October.

In addition, Jessop Wing have received one pre-assessment but without their feedback regarding guidelines we are unable to progress to assessment. We have been in touch and hope to hear from the unit soon. We have not received any audits from any units in Yorkshire and Humber this quarter.

2019 Bliss Baby Charter Conference and Neonatal Excellence Awards

The Bliss Baby Charter Conference took place on 26 September in Leicester. This event showcased excellence in neonatal care and innovative solutions that help prioritise family involvement on the neonatal unit.



The conference included inspiring lectures on topics like parents leading change on neonatal units, working in collaboration with families and innovative projects to support family-centred care. We also celebrated the individuals, teams and projects delivering innovative solutions to prioritise family involvement on the unit in our [Neonatal Excellence Awards](#). For a full report on the day, have a read of the [event synopsis](#).

Baby Charter Team Update

Since our last update we have two new Baby Charter Programme Officers; Paige and Sinead will be offering support to units and reviewing audits. The best way to contact them is to email babycharter@bliss.org.uk.

I will still remain your contact for all things Baby Charter related and can be reached on chelsiel@bliss.org.uk



Baby Loss Awareness Week

9-15 October

www.babyloss-awareness.org

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Last week marked the 17th annual Baby Loss Awareness Week (9-15 October) where all parents who have experienced pregnancy or baby loss have the opportunity to come together, alongside their family and friends, to commemorate their baby's lives – no matter how short.

Bliss is one of over 90 organisations who make up the Baby Loss Alliance. This year, the Alliance released a new report, *[Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Bereaved Parents falling through the gaps in mental health care](#)* which shows that parents are unable to access the psychological support they need in nearly 9 out of 10 areas of the UK.

Get involved and [ask your MP](#) to back this campaign.



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WaterWipes survey

WaterWipes, our headline sponsor for the Bliss Baby Charter Conference, is doing some research to gain a greater understanding of **parents' needs** on a neonatal unit. If you are able to support their work by answering their [survey](#) we have sent this on to units and helping with circulation of the survey would be really appreciated.

Keep us informed

We hope that these updates are useful to you and give a thorough understanding of Bliss' priorities. Please do keep us up-to-date with any key role changes and unit re-designations so that we can plan and prioritise appropriately.

We know that the shift from regional email addresses is taking place with @nhs.net email addresses being used in their place.

Please let us know if your contact details change so that we can update our records and keep you updated about our work in future newsletters.

Best wishes,

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