

NIMACH (Northern Ireland Maternal and Child Health) collects and analyses data in support of Clinical Outcome Review Programmes.

The Clinical Outcome Review Programmes (previously known as confidential enquiries), are designed to help assess the quality of healthcare, and stimulate improvement in safety and effectiveness by systematically enabling clinicians, managers and policy makers to learn from adverse events and other relevant data. The programmes have a key role in supporting local, continuous improvements to service quality.

The Clinical Outcome Review Programmes are commissioned by The Health Care Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) on behalf of NHS England, DHSSPS Northern Ireland, the Health Department of the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Further information related to the programmes may be found on the HQIP website at: http://www.hqip.org.uk/clinical-outcome-review-programmes/#.WvIDg_6Wzrc

Northern Ireland's involvement in the national CORPs is commissioned by HQIP on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services.

Within Northern Ireland, the programmes for maternal, newborn, infant and child health are coordinated via the Northern Ireland Maternal and Child Health Office (NIMACH) which is based within the Public Health Agency.

NIMACH collects and analyses data in support of :

- Maternal, Newborn and Infant programme: Coordinated by MBRRACE-UK
- Child Health programme: delivered by NCEPOD in collaboration with University of Cardiff

Key reports:

1. Maternal, Newborn and Infant Clinical Outcome Review Programme

- [Perinatal Mortality Surveillance Report for births in 2021 MBRRACE-UK published September 2023](#)

- [Perinatal Confidential Enquiry Report : A comparison of the care of Asian, Black and White women who have experienced a stillbirth or neonatal death published December 2023](#)
- [Saving Lives Improving Mothers' Care - Lessons learned to inform maternity care from the UK and Ireland Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and Morbidity 2019-21 MBRRACE-UK published October 2023](#)

Previous reports - [**https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/mbrrace-uk/reports**](https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/mbrrace-uk/reports)

- [Perinatal Mortality Surveillance Report | MBRRACE-UK | NPEU \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)
- [Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths | MBRRACE-UK | NPEU \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

2. Child Health Programme - [Chronic Neurodisability - Each and Every Need NCEPOD March 2018](#)

3. Island of Ireland Perinatal Mortality report - [Island of Ireland Perinatal Mortality report 2015-2016](#)

NIMACH works collaboratively with National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) in the Republic of Ireland to compare surveillance data and learn more about perinatal mortality across the Island of Ireland as a whole.

The first Island of Ireland Perinatal Mortality report which represents the collaborative efforts of the Northern Ireland Maternal and Child Health (NIMACH) office of the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland and the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) in the Republic of Ireland was published in September 2017.

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