

The **National Maternity and Perinatal Audit (NMPA)** is a large scale audit of the NHS maternity services across England, Scotland and Wales. Using high quality data, the audit aims to evaluate a range of maternity care processes and outcomes in order to identify good practice and areas for improvement in the care of women and birthing people and their babies.

NMPA Webinars:

In January 2026, the NMPA hosted a [free webinar](#) to present the results and key findings from the 2025 published *State of the Nation* report on births that occurred in 2023. The webinar was a success, with over 900 attendees registered and positive engagement and feedback received. The NMPA also hosted a further successful webinar in April presenting the *Induction of Labour* snapshot report.

“Excellent work and a great resource for units to use to improve their practices.” – Dr. Erum Khan

“Thanks to the NMPA team for the clear, excellent, and insightful presentation and overview of the 2023 NMPA audit report. The strengths of the NMPA methodology are evident in data and outcome standardisation, credible benchmarking data, and technical guidance. Thanks for sharing examples of targeted improvements measures implemented and undertaken by trusts in response to outlier outcomes.” – Dr. Bode Williams

- **88%** of attendees agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more confident in using NMPA data in their professional role after attending the webinar.
- **94%** of attendees agreed or strongly agreed that they had a better understanding of the use of large-scale maternity data after attending the webinar.



Impact of the NMPA

NATIONAL: How the project provides evidence of quality and outcomes of care nationally

The NMPA sprint audit report *Maternity Admissions to Intensive Care* was referenced in the January 2026 [Maternity Care Bundle](#)

The NMPA *Annual Clinical Report* on 2018/19 births was referenced in the [Birth Trauma Inquiry Report](#)

The NMPA sprint audit on *Ethnic and Socio-economic Inequalities* was referenced in the February 2026 report by Baroness Valerie Amos, chair of the National Maternity and Neonatal Investigation [Independent Investigation into Maternity and Neonatal Services in England – Interim Report](#)

Several NMPA measures (including Apgar score <7 at 5 minutes and third- and fourth-degree perineal tears) have been used within the Maternity Transformation Programme. These data are now available in the [National Maternity Dashboard](#).