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What has the AIMS Campaigns Team been up to?

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By the AIMS Campaigns Team

New campaigns development work:

- Developed a new guide to support the work of AIMS Campaigns Team Volunteers
- Critique of the Ockenden report and detailed critique of chapter on intrapartum care
- Review of Continuity of Carer implementation since the publication of Better Births in England: what can we learn from this period?
- Supported zine project exploring human rights in the maternity system. This project was inspired by research carried out by Gemma McKenzie on the experiences of women freebirthing in the UK

Written outputs:

- Resource list on implementing Continuity of Carer in England on AIMS website
- October 25th Joint letter to Dr Coffey, Secretary of State for DHSC. Letter resent to new Secretary of State in November.
- New page on AIMS website on AIMS campaign update on Continuity of Carer in England

Conferences and meetings attended:

- September 6th Maternity and Neonatal Safety Summit, Wales
- September 7th Meeting of the Continuity of Carer Charities and Service User Network
- September 10th Meeting of the European Network of Childbirth Associations
- September 12-14 - Normal labour and birth conference, Aarhus, Denmark - attended and presented AIMS poster about our campaign for physiology-informed maternity services and co-presenting with Mary Newburn about work of the Continuity of Carer Network International Normal Labour
- September 22nd RSM conference on Post-pandemic recovery of maternal and child health service
- September 23rd - interview with i-decide evaluation team
- September 29th - Maternity Transformation Programme (MTP) Stakeholder Council
- September 29th/30th - British Intrapartum Care Society (BICS) Conference
- October 12th - MTP Stakeholder Council Engagement Session: Single Delivery Plan

- October 13th - MBBRACE Perinatal Report 2022 virtual launch

What else we have been reading:

- Report of the Independent Review relating to the independent midwifery service One to One Midwives commissioned by NHS England, was published on the 8th September at 10.00am. The report can be accessed through the following link: www.england.nhs.uk/north-west/our-work/publications/ind-investigation-reports
- We have started to read the lengthy Kirkup report following the independent investigation on East Kent maternity and neonatal services published on 19th October

Thanks to all of the AIMS campaigns Volunteers who have made this work possible. We are very keen to expand our campaigns team work, so please do get in touch with campaigns@aims.org.uk if you'd like to help!

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