AIMS For a better birth...

What has the AIMS Campaigns Team been up to this quarter?

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Written outputs:

- Presentation for All Volunteers Meeting workshop on NHS Change: www.aims.org.uk/campaigning/item/change-nhs-workshop
- AIMS organisational response to the Change NHS survey: AIMS suggestions for the maternity services in the Government's 10-year Health Plan
- Written response to NIHR (National Institute for Health & Care Research) Alert on Maternal and neonatal outcomes among spontaneous vaginal births occurring in or out of water following intrapartum water immersion: The POOL cohort study
- AIMS' Personal and Public Involvement (PPI) partner comments on the draft Plan-A decision aid, infographic and website
- AIMS Campaign Team's comments towards stakeholders draft questions for the RCM Research prioritisation project
- AIMS' PPI Comments on the Aberdeen Centre for Women's Health Research Centre i6 group research topic priorities
- Stakeholder comments on NMPA (National Maternity and Perinatal Audit) 'State of the Nation' report
- Summary on latest MBRRACE report

Conferences and meetings attended:

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6th November: Maternity Continuity Network meeting

- 7th November: Care Opinion online conference
- 7th November: NHS-E Stakeholder Council
- 7th November: Plan-A meeting
- 7th November: Strengthening Midwifery Services: Rebuilding NHS Midwifery Services Under a new Labour Government and Ensuring Quality Care for All
- 16th November: ARM national conference 'Hands up for Midwifery'
- 26th November: Scotland Maternity & Midwifery Conference online
- 26th November: https://maternityandmidwifery.co.uk/events
- 27th November: Sharing and Learning from our North-East and Yorkshire Midwifery Unit Self-assessment Project (MUSA) Conference
- 30th November: AIMS All Volunteers Meeting presentation on position papers
- 2nd December: RCM Research prioritisation review of extra draft survey questions
- 3rd December: Celebration of pregnancy and parenting circles, plus policy workshop, City St George's University of London
- 5th December: Plan-A meeting
- 10th December: Transforming Maternity Services Stakeholders Engagement Workshop in Northern Ireland
- 12th December: Virtual conference presenting the MBRRACE-UK Perinatal report 2024
- 12th December: Plan-A meeting

- 6th January: Plan-A workshop planning
- 9th, 16th and 23th January: Series of NHS-England Stakeholder Council meetings to discuss the "10 Year Plan" and "the three shifts"
- 10th January: RCM Research prioritisation steering group meeting
- 16th January: i6 PPI consultation
- 23rd January: Plan-A meeting
- 24th January: MBRRACE/PMRT stakeholders meeting
- 28th & 30th January: Plan-A workshops
- 29th January: AIMS-led Change NHS community engagement workshop
- 31st January: MINI (Maternity Inequalities Northern Ireland) Research Group Stakeholders Event in Belfast, as part of www.nihr.ac.uk/news/nihr-challenge-maternity-disparities-consortium-members-announced

Who we have been corresponding with:

- January: Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Scottish Government to ask about the progress of continuity of carer in Scotland, as a follow up to the Scotland Maternity & Midwifery Festival in November 2024
- Networking and collaborating with Birthrights

What else we have been reading:

- Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations 2023-2024 report MNSI Annual report 2023/24

What have we been watching and listening to:

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A video about spotting acute illness, which may look 'atypical' in a pregnant or postpartum woman Prehospital Maternity Decision Tool - video for ambulance clinicians

- Attendance at The Maternity and Midwifery Hour, every Wednesday at 7pm, including series 15 episode 2 looking at Professor Mary Renfrew's recent work in Northern Ireland

Thanks to all 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!