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Published written outputs:

- 19th August: Peer review of [RCOG Good Practice Paper – Provision of Planned Caesarean Birth Services in the UK](#)
- 9th September: Stakeholder comments on the [NICE draft guideline Intrapartum Care: Waterbirth, second stage of labour](#)
- 30th September: [AIMS comment on 'Fit for the Future'](#) the Government's 10-year plan for the NHS

Conferences and group meetings attended:

- August - October: various meetings of the National collective working group on the National Maternity review
- 2nd August: [Breastival NI](#), a unique, award-winning festival in Northern Ireland which supports, normalises and celebrates breastfeeding as part of everyday life.
- 9th September: [National Voices](#) meeting with Karin Smyth, Minister of State for Health and Social Care, on the 10-year plan for the NHS.
- 11th September: Launch of the MBRRACE-UK report [Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care 2025 - Lessons learned to inform maternity care from the UK and Ireland Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and Morbidity 2021-23](#)
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25th September: [The National Maternity & Perinatal Audit \(NMPA\)](#) Clinical Review Group meeting

- 9th October: Launch of the MBRRACE-UK report [Perinatal Mortality Surveillance: UK perinatal deaths of babies born in 2023](#)
- 16th October: [NHS-E Maternity and Neonatal Programme \(MNP\) Stakeholder Council meeting](#).

Who we have been liaising with:

- 12th August: [Make Birth Better](#)'s new CEO Laura-Rose Thorogood attended part of the Campaign Steering Group meeting.

What we have been reading/listening to/watching:

- National Maternity and Perinatal Audit's (NMPA) 'State of the Nation' report, part of their [Clinical Audit Publications](#)
- MBRRACE [Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care 2025](#) and [Perinatal Mortality Surveillance report 2025](#)
- NMC [Principles for supporting women's choices in maternity care](#)
- UK Network of Professors in Midwifery and Maternal and Newborn Health [policy briefing](#)
- [Characteristics, outcomes, and maternity care experiences of women with children's social care involvement who subsequently died: national cohort study and confidential enquiry](#)
- [Fit for the Future: 10 Year Health Plan for England](#)
- UK Preconception Partnership's [Preconception care toolkit](#)
- [Disparities in Stillbirths in England: Analysis of A Population-Based Study of 1.3 Million Births](#)

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!