



	<p>The Perinatal Institute is supporting Baby Loss Awareness Week 9-15 October 2020</p> <p>We are continuing our efforts to improve safety and quality in maternity care. While there are still too many preventable deaths, there has also been good progress.</p> <p>We present an update on national stillbirth rates and the Growth Assessment Protocol (GAP), which is running in near 80% of all NHS Trusts and Health Boards in the UK.</p>
	<p>Stillbirth rates in England continuing to fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest ONS data (to 2019) show a decline in stillbirth rates to 3.83/1000 • This represents a 28.4% reduction compared to the previous 10 year average, and the prevention of over 1000 stillbirths each year
	<p>Reduction in stillbirths linked to GAP uptake doi.org/10.1002/uog.22187</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an overall decline, associated with better protocols & awareness • NHS Trusts that followed GAP guidance achieved significant further reduction • Steepest drop observed in units with best SGA detection rates • However study also highlighted that there is much more room for improvement
	<p>Sustained reduction in stillbirths also seen in Scotland doi.org/10.1002/uog.22100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest NRS data (to 2019) show continued drop to lowest ever levels • Report included data from the 12 (of 14) Scottish Health Boards in the GAP program • At least one Scottish Health Board amongst best performing units in the UK
	<p>COVID-19 and fetal growth surveillance</p> <p>We are monitoring national GAP data during the pandemic, and salute the many frontline professionals providing best possible care under challenging circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To date, there appears to have been no significant effect on overall stillbirth rates • There was a slight drop in SGA detection from April but this is starting to recover • The best performing GAP units continue to record SGA detection rates of over 60%
	<p>Automated GAP reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our current reports are being enhanced by a 'Power BI' reporting system • The new functionality, accessible within GROW, to be launched 26 October 2020 • It will provide unit level information for each NHS Trust and Health Board, with GAP metrics including also information required for NHS England SBL-CBv2 reports
	<p>Online workshops by GAP team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing our popular series of remote workshops for clinicians and students • Available also from this autumn: lunchtime Q&A sessions for obstetricians • Further details and links to register are available on our diary pages