

## OUR DATA COLLECTION PROCESS

The Designated Midwifery Officers (DMOs) in each region monitor the provision of the homebirth service and the clinical outcomes of care provided by the SECMs and ICHMs.

The clinical notes of midwifery care are sent by the midwife to the DMO. The DMO reviews the clinical midwifery notes, then collates the data using a standardised audit tool. That data is then forwarded to the NPEC for analysis.

Data is collected on all the women who registered with the HSE home birth service and who gave birth within the reporting year, using the standardised NPEC data collection form.

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## PLANNED HOME BIRTHS IN IRELAND AUDIT



## THE NATIONAL PERINATAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTRE

The National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) is a national clinical audit and research centre based at University College Cork with offices at Cork University Maternity Hospital.

### OUR OBJECTIVE

The NPEC's objective is to collaborate with Irish maternity services to translate clinical audit data and epidemiological evidence into improved maternity care for families in Ireland.

### COLLABORATE WITH US

At the NPEC we are always looking to collaborate. Get in touch with if you are looking for opportunities for students, data requests or research collaborations.



## THE PLANNED HOMEBIRTHS IN IRELAND REPORT

The Planned Home Births in Ireland Annual Report published by the HSE in collaboration with the NPEC, presents an overview of the home births service provided by Self Employed Community Midwives (SECMs) and Integrated Hospital Community Midwives (ICHMs) in the Republic of Ireland for the year.

The report draws on information collected from the planned home birth in Ireland audit, offering an informative resource for those clinicians providing guidance to women and for the women themselves to be self-informed in a clear and transparent manner in relation to home birth as an option in Ireland. The content of each report reflects the commitment and hard work of many people involved in the maternity services.

## PURPOSE OF THIS AUDIT

The primary aim of this audit is to provide national statistics and an overview of findings from the HSE home birth service in the Republic of Ireland (ROI). This audit aims collect data on the clinical care and outcomes for all women who registered for a home birth, examining both the maternal and fetal outcomes of planned HSE home births, including outcomes whereby the care of the woman is transferred for hospital care in the antepartum, intrapartum or postpartum period. Thus, facilitating maternity services to undertake reviews of its own practices, through monitoring these outcomes with regular audit. This information is essential to ensure that standards of home births in Ireland are met.

Consequently, the audit findings aim to provide data to firstly ascertain adherence to the national evidence-based guidelines, protocols and standards and secondly, to provide evidence which facilitates maternity healthcare providers to review practice in the home setting, where appropriate.

\*The data that the NPEC receives is not identifiable. A code is assigned to each case that the hospital stores in relation to the patient identifiers, the NPEC does not have access to this identifiable information.