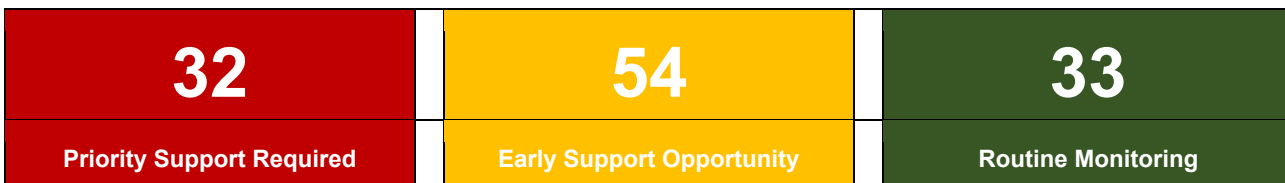


Traffic Light Measures and Suggested Action

Discussion Document | LSSI4 Maternity Support Programme

1. Overview

This discussion document presents the current RAG (Red, Amber, Green) status for all 119 anonymised NHS Trusts assessed under the LSSI4 Maternity Support Programme. Each Trust has been assigned a support priority and a recommended support intervention type based on a structured review of their maternity safety performance. The overall programme position is rated **Red – Priority Support Required**, indicating that the collective maternity pathway across the Trust cohort requires immediate and co-ordinated national attention.



Of the 119 Trusts reviewed: **32 (27%)** are rated **Red** and require Priority Support; **54 (45%)** are rated **Amber** and represent Early Support Opportunities; and **33 (28%)** are rated **Green** and are under Routine Monitoring only.

2. Narrative Commentary by Support Type

2.1 Emergency Caesarean Review

Emergency caesarean performance is the most frequently identified area of concern across the Trust cohort. A total of 24 Trusts have been assigned this support type, making it the single largest intervention category. Of these, 10 are rated Red (Priority Support Required) and 14 are rated Amber (Early Support Opportunity). The volume of Trusts in this category — and the proportion at Red — reflects widespread challenges in decision-to-delivery intervals, theatre capacity, team escalation processes, and situational awareness during acute obstetric emergencies. Trusts rated Red in this category should expect rapid engagement and structured improvement planning. Amber-rated Trusts should use this period to proactively audit their emergency caesarean pathways, embed simulation training, and review their category-1 response times before escalation becomes necessary.

2.2 Birth Pathway and Escalation Review

Ten Trusts have been assigned a birth pathway and escalation review. Nine of these are rated Red, making this the category with the highest proportional Red rating and indicating systemic weaknesses in how deterioration is identified and escalated during labour and birth. Issues typically centre on recognition and response to maternal and fetal deterioration, inconsistent application of escalation tools (such as MEOWS or Modified Early Obstetric Warning Systems), and communication failures between ward and senior clinical staff. One Trust in this category is rated Amber and should treat the assigned review as an opportunity for structured self-assessment and improvement ahead of potential re-rating.

2.3 Maternal Harm and Intrapartum Morbidity Review

Twelve Trusts have been identified for a maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review, split equally between six Red and six Amber. This category encompasses Trusts where there is evidence — or elevated risk — of avoidable

harm occurring during the intrapartum period, including harm arising from delays in recognition and response, failure to act on fetal monitoring signals, and suboptimal multidisciplinary decision-making. Trusts rated Red in this category require priority engagement, including structured case review, learning from incidents and near-misses, and a formal improvement trajectory. Amber Trusts should engage early, share learning, and demonstrate proactive steps to reduce harm.

2.4 Saving Babies Lives Element 2 Review

Twelve Trusts have been assigned a Saving Babies Lives (SBL) Element 2 review, all rated Amber. Element 2 focuses specifically on fetal monitoring — the consistent and correct application of CTG (cardiotocography) interpretation and response. The fact that all 12 Trusts are Amber rather than Red suggests that concerns in this area have been identified early, and there is an opportunity to prevent deterioration through targeted training and audit. These Trusts should be commended for being identified at a stage where structured early support can make a meaningful difference. Recommended actions include review of CTG training compliance, fresh-eyes review audits, and implementation of robust escalation protocols where CTG interpretation is uncertain.

2.5 Perineal Trauma Review

Thirteen Trusts have been identified for a perineal trauma review. Four are rated Red and nine are Amber. Perineal trauma — particularly obstetric anal sphincter injuries (OASIs) — represents both a clinical safety issue and a significant source of avoidable morbidity for women. Trusts rated Red in this category are likely to have OASI rates that are statistically elevated and/or evidence of suboptimal identification, repair, or aftercare. Red-rated Trusts should review their OASI rates against national benchmarks, audit the quality of initial assessment and repair, and ensure all relevant staff are trained to recognised standards (such as the RCOG/BSPKB OASI Care Bundle). Amber-rated Trusts should treat the review as an opportunity to embed best practice proactively.

2.6 Post-Partum Haemorrhage Review

Twelve Trusts have been assigned a post-partum haemorrhage (PPH) review. Two are rated Red and ten are Amber. PPH remains one of the leading causes of severe maternal morbidity and preventable maternal death in the UK. Red-rated Trusts in this category require urgent attention, with a focus on the reliability of active management of the third stage, consistency of PPH recognition thresholds, and the speed and effectiveness of the haemorrhage response team. Amber-rated Trusts should review their PPH rates, conduct simulation drills, and ensure their haemorrhage protocols are up to date and embedded across all clinical staff.

2.7 Whole Maternity Pathway Review

One Trust has been identified for a whole maternity pathway review, rated Red. This designation indicates the most significant level of concern and is reserved for Trusts where safety risks have been identified across multiple areas of maternity care rather than in a single domain. A whole pathway review is a comprehensive intervention covering all aspects of antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care, as well as leadership, culture, governance, and learning systems. This Trust should expect intensive engagement, and the review process will be conducted in close collaboration with the Trust's leadership team.

2.8 Targeted Early Support

One Trust has been assigned a targeted early support intervention, rated Amber. This bespoke designation reflects a specific, identified concern that does not neatly fit within the standard support type categories. This Trust is encouraged to engage proactively with the support team to define the scope and focus of the targeted review, and to ensure that appropriate internal resources and clinical leadership are made available to support the process.

2.9 Routine Monitoring

33 Trusts are currently rated Green and are subject to routine monitoring only. This designation indicates that these Trusts do not currently present evidence of material maternity safety concerns requiring active support from the

programme. Routine monitoring Trusts should continue to maintain robust internal governance processes, engage with national learning, and ensure that their performance data is submitted accurately and on time. It should be noted that RAG status is reviewed on a rolling basis, and Trusts are encouraged to maintain vigilance and escalate emerging concerns proactively rather than waiting for a formal re-rating.

3. Suggested Actions by Priority

3.1 Red-Rated Trusts — Priority Support Required

Trusts rated Red should take the following immediate steps:

- Acknowledge and accept the RAG designation and engage promptly with the programme support team to agree a support plan and timeline.
- Ensure executive and clinical leadership are sighted on the assigned support type and the rationale for the Red rating.
- Initiate an internal review aligned with the assigned support type prior to the formal programme visit.
- Prepare a summary of recent relevant incidents, audit findings, and improvement actions already underway.
- Identify a named clinical lead for each area of concern to act as the primary liaison with the programme support team.

3.2 Amber-Rated Trusts — Early Support Opportunity

Trusts rated Amber should treat their designation as an early warning signal and take the following proactive steps:

- Review the assigned support type in detail and self-assess current performance against relevant national standards and guidance.
- Identify any immediate gaps in training, audit activity, or governance that can be addressed without programme support.
- Engage with the programme team to understand the basis for the Amber rating and what indicators would need to change for a move to Green.
- Share learning with peer Trusts where appropriate, particularly where improvement work is already underway.

3.3 Green-Rated Trusts — Routine Monitoring

Trusts rated Green should continue to:

- Maintain timely and accurate submission of all required maternity data to national bodies.
- Sustain internal governance and quality improvement processes, and ensure these are embedded in routine practice rather than being reactive.
- Engage with national learning and improvement resources, including guidance from NHS England, RCOG, RCM, and MBRACE-UK.
- Escalate emerging concerns to the programme team promptly rather than waiting for the next formal review cycle.

4. Full Trust Traffic Light Table

The table below presents the full list of anonymised Trusts and their assigned LSSI4 support priority, support type, and RAG status.

Trust	LSSI4 Support Priority v2	LSSI4 Support Type v2	LSSI4 RAG Status v2
R-Trust-10417	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-10520	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-10538	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-10609	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-10685	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-11334	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-12159	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-1250	Priority Support Required	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Red
R-Trust-1286	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-13489	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-14851	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-15479	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-15553	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-16090	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-16272	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-16287	Priority Support Required	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Red
R-Trust-16466	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-16805	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-18567	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-19613	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-19995	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-20712	Priority Support Required	Perineal trauma review	Red
R-Trust-20977	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-21105	Priority Support Required	Perineal trauma review	Red
R-Trust-21473	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-2222	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-23370	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-23992	Early Support Opportunity	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Amber
R-Trust-24209	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-24508	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-24710	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green

R-Trust-2610	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-27281	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-28038	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-29053	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-29383	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-32123	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-33227	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-34550	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-34984	Early Support Opportunity	Birth pathway and escalation review	Amber
R-Trust-36307	Early Support Opportunity	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Amber
R-Trust-37145	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-37228	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-37476	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-38145	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-3887	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-40365	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-40975	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-41579	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-41886	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-42911	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-43159	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-44642	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-47787	Priority Support Required	Perineal trauma review	Red
R-Trust-47967	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-48185	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-49662	Early Support Opportunity	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Amber
R-Trust-50087	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-50170	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-54610	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-54923	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-55377	Early Support Opportunity	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Amber
R-Trust-56093	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-56567	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-58128	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-59672	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-59963	Priority Support Required	Perineal trauma review	Red
R-Trust-60663	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-60972	Priority Support Required	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Red

R-Trust-61169	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-632	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-63804	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-64338	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-64729	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-64912	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-66323	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-67568	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-67629	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-69002	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-69216	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-69227	Priority Support Required	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Red
R-Trust-69701	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-69992	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-71969	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-7295	Priority Support Required	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Red
R-Trust-73254	Early Support Opportunity	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Amber
R-Trust-74210	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-7562	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-76131	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-76457	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-77294	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-77684	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-78039	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-78083	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
R-Trust-78389	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-79951	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-82594	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-82971	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-83445	Early Support Opportunity	Perineal trauma review	Amber
R-Trust-83805	Priority Support Required	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Red
R-Trust-84902	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-88490	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-89105	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-897	Early Support Opportunity	Targeted early support	Amber
R-Trust-89739	Priority Support Required	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Red
R-Trust-90198	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-90583	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green

R-Trust-90600	Early Support Opportunity	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Amber
R-Trust-91179	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-91667	Early Support Opportunity	Post-partum haemorrhage review	Amber
R-Trust-934	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-93948	Early Support Opportunity	Emergency caesarean review	Amber
R-Trust-95041	Priority Support Required	Whole maternity pathway review	Red
R-Trust-95075	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-95715	Early Support Opportunity	Saving Babies Lives Element 2 review	Amber
R-Trust-95920	Priority Support Required	Maternal harm and intrapartum morbidity review	Red
R-Trust-97125	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring	Green
R-Trust-98284	Priority Support Required	Emergency caesarean review	Red
R-Trust-99977	Priority Support Required	Birth pathway and escalation review	Red
Total	Priority Support Required	Whole maternity pathway review	Red