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SOSU Bulletin



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Welcome to the first Statewide Obstetric Support Unit (SOSU) Newsletter for 2018. The idea behind this newsletter is the brain-child of Linda Sinclair and team in 2015. Their mission was to ensure all sites around the metro and country areas were aware of the work currently being undertaken by the team at SOSU and also provide feedback regarding completed projects that can be implemented at a site level.

As this is the first 2018 newsletter it would be great to get your feedback around the content and if you have found it informative and useful.

Maternity Services Viewer—top award



The Maternity Services Viewer, a collaborative project between SOSU, the Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS), WA Department of Health and WA Country Health Service (WACHS) has received the Award for People and Community at the Western Australia Spatial Excellence Awards.

The Maternity Services Viewer is an online tool designed to assist clinicians with discharge decision making, based on available maternity and neonatal services across the state. Currently only available through intranet [Click here for more](#)

SOSU External Review

One of the recommendations from the Review of Maternity Services in Metropolitan Non-Tertiary Public Hospitals (the Con Michael Report), tabled in parliament in 2015, was to review the role and functions of the SOSU. The Chief Executive of the North Metropolitan Health Service and Executive Director of the Women's and Newborns Health Service have now commissioned a review team to undertake this work which includes Dr Donald Coid, Dr Dale Hamilton (Senior Obstetrician and Gynaecologist) and Kate Reynolds (Senior Midwife). They have been tasked with examining the role and function of SOSU against the original concept of the service which commenced in 2004. The review team are consulting with various stakeholders of the SOSU service. This review will be used to shape the future direction of SOSU. If you have any comments or feedback regarding SOSU that you think would be relevant to the review please contact [Don, Kate or Dale](#).

Perinatal Loss—Booklet for Caregivers

SOSU in collaboration with the Perinatal Loss Service at KEMH, developed the first ["Caring for Families Experiencing Perinatal Loss"](#), booklet in 2009. This document was reviewed and updated in 2017.

This document provides information and guidance to clinical staff caring for families experiencing this tragic event. It covers the diagnosis through to discharge and postnatal follow-up, covering both the physical and psychological aspects of care. There is also sections relating to reporting and audit activities required when a perinatal death occurs.