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Dear colleague,

Re: Offer of Support

We are all working in extraordinary times and I appreciate how difficult this is for you and your teams.

You will have received a letter outlining the expectations from the national Maternity Transformation Programme team during this period in order to allow you to fully focus on planning and managing through this crisis and to continue your aim to provide the safest care possible for mothers and babies.

The national Maternity and Neonatal Safety Improvement Programme team (MatNeoSIP) have also set out their support to clinical colleagues and patients during this COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

Some parts of the National Patient Safety Programme's current and planned future activities will be put on hold to enable the programme team, academic health science network, patient safety collaborative (PSC), trust and community-based colleagues to focus on supporting the essential work of the national COVID-19 response.

*All Maternity and Neonatal Safety Improvement Programme (MatNeoSIP) activities are being reviewed to see which could be developed and/or scaled up to contribute to the national COVID-19 effort. **The key objective is to provide maximum support to frontline colleagues in the NHS and the community.***

Enclosed is the full letter from MatNeoSIP.

The [West of England Academic Health Science Network](#), the [South West Academic Health Science Network](#), the South West Maternity and Perinatal & Infant Mental Health Clinical network and South West Neonatal Operational Delivery Network are joining our efforts across the south west to support maternity and neonatal care during these times. We will continue to hold weekly drop in calls at 10am on Tuesdays.

Please refer to [SWNODN website](#) for up-to-date information on Maternity and COVID-19.

If there is anything that you would like help or support with please do let us know. We are here to support you.

With best wishes,



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