Maternity and Newborn Learning Health Network – Data Group

Midwife Expression of Interest

We are seeking a midwife with a passion for improving the safety and quality of healthcare in Victoria to join our Maternity and Newborn Learning Health Network (MNLHN) Data Group. This LHN Group will form a key part of our engagement structure for the Centre of Clinical Excellence (CoCE) and Safer Care Victoria (SCV).

## Learning Health Networks

Establishment of our MNLHN brings together clinicians, consumers, data experts, researchers, health system leaders and improvement specialists, using data and evidence, to improve clinical care and patient outcomes.

Characteristics of an LHN include:

* **Shared vision:** to align multiple stakeholders around a common goal
* **Co-production:** facilitate collaboration, at scale, among multiple stakeholders to co-produce information, knowledge, and resources for creating improvement
* **Transparent data sharing:** generate a rich data stream to gain insights and rapidly respond to the gap between current and desired performance
* **Widespread capacity to change systems:** apply a quality improvement method to rapidly test, spread, and scale ideas to achieve new levels of performance
* **Culture of trust:** encourage curiosity, shared learning, contribution, and respect
* **Governance:** operate within a framework of governance.

## MNLHN Advisory Group

The MNLHN Advisory Group will drive and facilitate purposeful consumer and sector engagement. The Advisory Group provide advice and direction to support SCV and the Department of Health (DH) as required, with a focus on system level issues.

Our established MNLHN Advisory Group will gather and analyse evidence to implement decisions and monitor the effectiveness of the decision; respond to specific system level data or safety and quality issues identified; provide insight and specialty clinical advice about data variation; support the identification and escalation of issues relevant to the MNLHN; a focus on system level issues. The group is multidisciplinary, including medical, nursing, allied health, and consumer representatives, from across regional and metropolitan areas. LHN Advisory Groups’ membership and function may vary based on programs of work.

## MNLHN Data Group

The MNLHN will use data and evidence to improve clinical care and patient outcomes, with a whole of system view. Maternity related data will be accessible to all members to ensure that the work of the MNLHN is evidence based and informed by current data, variation and trends.

The Data Group will review, interpret and provide advice to the MNLHN about data, evidence, and safety and quality measures to help inform decisions and measure outcomes. The MNLHN Data Group will be governed by the MNLHN Advisory Group.

For more information, please refer to the

* Terms of Reference – Maternity and Newborn LHN Data Group
* [FAQ](https://www.safercare.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-09/CVD%20LHN_QA_EOI_Clinicians%20%28Advisory%20and%20Data%20Groups%29_150922%20-%20FINAL_0.docx) for EOI document

### Who should apply?

We are looking for a midwife who:

* is passionate about improving healthcare delivery, including those involved in direct patient care
* has knowledge, experience, and skills in midwifery and the Victoria healthcare sector
* is a system thinker and is committed to working collaboratively across multidisciplinary teams
* brings experience in data analysis and interpretation
* commits to bringing their whole self and telling it like it is – two key SCV values
* will contribute to leading improvement initiatives or safety and quality work of the MNLHN through effective networking and collaboration
* will drive engagement within the MNLHN and the wider sector.

The selection criteria below outline the skills we are looking for.

# Selection process

## Selection criteria

### Essential

* An experienced midwife working in a Victoria maternity hospital for more than 5 years
* Passionate about improving maternity care for all Victorians
* Knowledge, experience, and skills relevant to the MNLHN Data Group
* Desire to lead and drive work and engagement with the MNLHN
* Experience working collaboratively in a multidisciplinary setting, including leading meaningful consumer engagement

### Desirable

* Knowledge and skills in identifying and critically analysing and interpreting data and evidence to inform best practice
* Ability to review and provide insight and specialty clinical advice about data variation
* Knowledge of improvement methodologies, e.g., Institute for Healthcare Improvement and/or experience in quality improvement initiatives
* Ability to leverage expertise and sector relationships, to provide expert advice about safety and quality issues, with a system focus

This is a unique opportunity to have a pivotal role in being part of the MNLHN Data Group and shape the direction of the LHN into the future.

**If this sounds like you, apply now!**

**Applications close 5pm** **Friday 16 June 2023**

Each application will be reviewed against the selection criteria.

* Applications will be reviewed by the Clinical and Consumer Leads of the MNLHN
* Successful candidates will be endorsed by the Director of the Centre of Clinical Excellence.
* Membership will be for a 2 year tenure

## Remuneration

Public health service employees will not be directly remunerated for their time.

Consumer members and private practitioners (such as General Practitioners) will be eligible for remuneration for attending MNLHN Data Group meetings. The manager of the relevant centre will review and approve all remuneration requests in line with the Victorian Government’s Appointment and remuneration guidelines.

## How to apply

Please read the MNLHN Data Group Terms of Reference and selection criteria.

Submit:

* a cover letter addressing the selection criteria in the Expression of Interest (one page only) including an indication as to why you want to be involved in the MNLHN Data Group
* current resume (no more than four pages)

Include ‘**Maternity and Newborn** **Learning Health Network –Data Group EOI’** in the email subject line and email to Kathlene Kumar at [maternityandnewbornlhn@safercare.vic.gov.au](mailto:maternityandnewbornlhn@safercare.vic.gov.au)