



Dr Gwyneth Lewis

Saving mothers lives

Reviewing maternal deaths to make motherhood safer 2003-5



Gwyneth Lewis has a long commitment to improving the health of mothers and babies, in particular in relation to pregnancy, birth and the first postnatal year. She is the Department of Health National Clinical leader for Maternity Services in

England, “maternity Tsar” and travels extensively around the country visiting maternity, neonatal and perinatal services as well as advising Ministers and Government on maternal health strategy. She wrote the recent maternity strategy document “Maternity Matters”, and chairs the Governments implementation strategy group. She is also currently leading work on the Darzi review in relation to NHS maternity services which includes access to perinatal psychiatric care.

In addition, for the past 16 years, she has been the Director of the Confidential enquiries into Maternal Deaths for the United Kingdom. She was responsible for the introduction of the assessment of psychiatric cause of deaths in these report and the subsequent recommendations for the development of perinatal mental health specialists and services. She also is a keen champion for the reduction in inequalities in

access to care and health outcomes for mothers and babies. Further, Gwyneth works widely for WHO in developing programmes and promoting advocacy work designed to reduce the unacceptable burden of over a million avoidable maternal deaths a year.

She is a consultant in Public Health Medicine, a Member of the RCGP and a Fellow of both the faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecology.

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Time: 17.00 – 18.30

Place: Antenatal Education Room,
8th Floor North Wing, St Thomas’ Hospital

All welcome

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