

Clinical Guideline Programme Team (GPT)

A key recommendation set out in the National Maternity Strategy was that Clinical leadership, support and resources are provided for the development and implementation of National Clinical Guidelines and National Clinical Audit.

The National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) forms part of the Office of the Chief Clinical Officer (CCO), an office which was established in 2018 to give a single voice to clinical leadership across the healthcare system. An important work-stream of the National Women and Infants Health Programme in conjunction with the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of the Royal College of Physicians Ireland is the revision and update of the National Clinical Guidelines for Maternity and Gynaecology. As part of this, 2021 saw the establishment of the Maternity and Gynaecology Guideline Development Programme, led by Professor Keelin O' Donoghue.

Objectives

1. Provide strategic leadership for the national review, update and production of Clinical Maternity and Gynaecology Guidelines
2. Establish a Multidisciplinary Expert Advisory Group including Public/Patient involvement
3. Invite clinical members to join Guideline Development Group, involving stakeholders where required
4. Provide Framework for review and support to the Clinical Guideline Development Group
5. Prioritise National Maternity and Gynaecology Guideline for review in consultation with the Clinical Director NWIHP and Chair of the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
6. Publicise new guidance through appropriate channels
7. Engage and mobilise the clinical community for the promotion of integrated Maternity and Gynaecology services
8. Report periodically on the implementation and dissemination of Guidelines