

Government's Spring Budget invests millions in maternity safety

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The Spring Budget announced that the government will invest millions of pounds of investment over the next three years to improve maternity safety across England.

- Almost £35m is to be invested to fund specialist staff training and the recruitment of 160 additional midwives.
- Approximately 6,000 midwives will be trained in neonatal resuscitation.
- The government and NHS aim to almost double the number of clinical staff receiving specialist training in obstetric medicine.
- £9m alone will be dedicated to reducing avoidable brain injuries in childbirth.
- A maternity and neonatal voice partnerships programme will be funded to improve women's feedback and experiences and ensure their voices are heard, listened to and actioned to improve overall maternity care. This is key in providing trusts with vital information, not only on learning points but the direct impact that care can have on the lives for the mother, baby and wider family, especially when things do go wrong.

Our specialist maternity team here at Browne Jacobson aims to support the NHS and NHS Resolution's commitments to safer maternity care by identifying themes and trends within its regional areas as well as delivering training.

Browne Jacobson endorses every improvement made to NHS maternity services in the UK. We have significant experience conducting sensitive investigations to help resolve concerns and disputes fairly. If you would like further information regarding our services, please visit our Maternity Services Resources Hub.

If we can assist your NHS Trust or healthcare organisation to look at ways to improve patient care, please get in touch.

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