NES training course shortlisted for RCM award

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) training course, Maternity REACTS (recognition, evaluation, critical treatment and stabilisation), has been shortlisted for a Royal College of Midwives Johnsons baby award for excellence in midwifery education.

Maternity REACTS was developed by a team of clinicians, led by a midwife, in response to identified gaps in training and education in the management of critically ill obstetric patients.

Helene Marshall, director of the Scottish Multiprofessional Maternity Development Programme (SMMDP), said: Staff working in maternity services today face increasing birth rates, older and more obese women who are less healthy and who have medically complex pregnancies.

Catriona Connelly, Consultant Anaesthetist at Ninewells Hospital, added: We developed maternity REACTS to provide midwifery and medical maternity professionals with the necessary skills, knowledge and training to help with early recognition and treatment of those critically ill women, requiring increased monitoring and support.

The course has been successfully evaluated, demonstrating that the course was cost effective, sustainable and has resulted in a more confident workforce in this area.

To be shortlisted for this prestigious award is a great honour and is testament to the hard work and expertise of a dedicated team.
"Cathy Warwick, chief executive of the Royal College of Midwives, added: "This demonstrates that there is wonderful and ground-breaking work being done by midwives and I congratulate Helene and Catriona on being shortlisted for this award.

"Midwifery practice is always moving forward and innovating. This shows that if we give midwives the resources and the freedom to do this, the result is better services for women, babies and their families."

The awards lunch will be held on 25 January 2012 at the Grand Connaught Rooms in Covent Garden. Journalist and broadcaster Natasha Kaplinsky is presenting the awards.

For more information about the RCM's awards please visit  www.rcmawards.com/

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