

<sup>\*</sup>Definitions provided overleaf

## **Definitions**

Currently pregnant - any woman who is known to be pregnant (including following fertility treatment) or in whom a pregnancy test is known to have been positive prior to or within the first 24 hours of admission to the critical care unit in the Case Mix Programme

Recently pregnant - any woman who has had a miscarriage, a termination of pregnancy, a stillbirth or a live birth (baby) within 42 days of the date of admission to the critical care unit in the Case Mix Programme

Assisted conception - treatment to assist the admission in becoming pregnant - treatment includes any form of drug/chemical or physical intervention that has assisted fertilisation or foetal implantation

Molar pregnancy - trophoblastic disease - any proliferative disorder of the trophoblast and includes hydatidiform mole and choriocarcinoma

Live birth (baby) - delivery of a baby which, after complete separation from its mother, shows any signs of life (there is no recognised gestation or weight qualifier in UK law on birth registration, so that any birth at any gestation or birth weight which fulfils this criteria, should be registered as a live birth (baby))

Stillbirth - delivery of a baby at or after 24 weeks' gestation which, after complete separation from its mother, shows no sign of life

Termination of pregnancy - a pregnancy ended spontaneously (miscarriage - defined as delivery of a baby up to 24 weeks which, after complete separation from its mother, shows no signs of life) or by medical treatment - medical treatments include drugs (a medical termination) or surgery (a surgical termination)

Ectopic pregnancy - laparascopic or open surgery where the fallopian tube containing the ectopic pregnancy was injected, surgically opened (salpingotomy) or surgically removed (salpingectomy)

Caesarean section - a life birth (baby) and/or a stillbirth being delivered by means of an operation through the abdomen on the mother's uterus (hysterotomy)

Assisted vaginal - a live birth (baby) and/or a stillbirth being delivered vaginally with the need of instruments - includes medical assistance using either a vacuum cup (ventouse) or using forceps

Spontaneous vaginal - a live birth (baby) and/or a stillbirth being delivered vaginally without the need of instruments except those required for episiotomy