

## **LIVERPOOL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL NHS TRUST**

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### **Liverpool Women's Hospital sets the standard in care for the women and babies of Merseyside**

Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Trust is officially one of the three safest hospitals in the country after successfully achieving the highest level of accreditation in the NHS national standards for risk management this week.

The Trust is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> NHS trust in the country, and the first hospital in Liverpool, to achieve the top level of accreditation in the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) general standards and for the rigorous specialist maternity standard.

The award was given by a team of independent assessors working for the NHS Litigation Authority, which is the national body responsible for overseeing risk management programmes in the health service. The CNST risk management standard ensures hospitals are putting systems in place to reduce risks for patients and so provide the safest possible care. This also reduces costs to the NHS from clinical negligence claims. By achieving this level, the Trust is setting even higher standards in patient safety and care.

Steve Walker, Chief Executive of the NHS Litigation Authority said: "The staff of Liverpool Women's Hospital should be very proud of their considerable achievement. This success no doubt reflects a great deal of hard work and strong commitment to clinical risk management within the organisation."

Liverpool Women's Hospital is the biggest maternity unit in the country. It delivers over 8000 babies each year and also looks after women with complicated pregnancies from other parts of the region because of the level of expertise of its staff. This latest accolade proves that the trust is in the forefront of excellent patient care.

Louise Shepherd, Chief Executive of Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Trust, said: "This result is a tremendous achievement and could only be gained through an exceptionally hard working and motivated team. Once again this achievement puts Liverpool Women's at the top of the league of all Trusts and more importantly it demonstrates that we have put the safety of our patients at the centre of everything we do."

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