

MASIC

Mothers with Anal Sphincter Injuries in Childbirth

Supporting mothers, making the public aware, educating the profession

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE LAUNCH IN MARCH 2017?

The major education day held on 22 March at the Royal Society of Medicine saw the launch of The MASIC Foundation.



This event was attended by over two hundred people and was supported by industry. We are especially grateful to Leigh Day, the solicitors for an educational grant that made the event possible. Details of the day can be found on the MASIC Foundation website at www.masic.org.uk. Since then, the Trustees have agreed to set-up Committees to take our agenda for action forward in the following areas:

Public Awareness: We are holding a planning meeting in the House of Lords later this year to launch our Public Awareness meeting and a Public Affairs Committee. In addition, we have been involved with a meeting in the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff on 26 September; and will join a meeting in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh on 21 November, where we have had or will have opportunities to lobby ministers. Because of the Wales Meeting, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport has established a Working Party.

Education: We have recently presented at the following events: (a) The UK Continence Society meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne on 29-

31 March; (b) A Primary Care National Event held at the NEC in Birmingham on 18 May; (c) At the Annual meeting of the ACPGBI in Bournemouth on 3-5 July with two presentations and one poster; (d) At the Peninsular OASI/MASIC day in Plymouth on 14 July; (e) Assisting the Royal College of Midwives and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists with the OASI Care Pathway in London on 17 July and 25 September; and (f) At the West Midlands Chapter of the ACPGBI in Birmingham on 29 September. Many more are planned.

Research: We continue to develop our research have held discussions on the following: (a) Developing a Care Pathway with a group in Sheffield for mothers with new bowel incontinence after childbirth; (b) Exploring common themes amongst stories from mothers in collaboration with the group at the University of Oxford.

Finance: We have developed a business plan and have started the process of fundraising, so far **£45,550** has been raised through a variety of activities over the first six months, including Jenny Tighe's Fun Runs; Mike Keighley's artwork; approaches to friends of MASIC Trustees and applications to Trusts including the Hospital Saturday Fund and trade exhibitions at various Educational Events

Supporting Mothers: We are actively looking to support and give advice to mothers about several issues including:

- Every time we hold a further Education Day we plan to also hold a Focus Group, so that mothers can meet one another and

help the Research Committee focus on the priority area that they consider to be most important for MASIC. This is part of the PPI MASIC initiative.

- We have a separate group providing advice to mothers who are in danger of losing their jobs because of their OASI Injuries.

WHAT IS PLANNED?

We have several plans and initiatives, they include:

- Making the Website more accessible
- Fundraising through Musical Events
- Holding a session on the Psychological sequelae of OASI at the Annual Meeting of ACPGIBI in Birmingham, 9-11 July 2018
- Holding a Focus Group and Educational Session as a Plenary Session at the Annual

Meeting of the UK Continence society and Pelvic Floor Society, 18-20 April 2018

- An Education and Research Weekend sponsored by the Sheila Kitzinger Programme of Green Templeton College, Oxford
- An Education Day with a Focus Group in Cardiff on 15 May 2018
- Education Days with Focus Groups during 2018 in Norwich, Southampton and Manchester and possibly other centres
- Production of posters to be distributed to GP surgeries throughout UK, in collaboration with Public Health England, to inform mothers what to do if they discover they have developed bowel incontinence after childbirth
- Produce an Employment Rights advice leaflets



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