

# MASIC

Mothers with Anal Sphincter Injuries in Childbirth

*Supporting mothers, making the public aware, educating the profession*

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*"Nobody told me about the risk of being incontinent anally after having my baby."*

*"If only I knew where to go for advice about coping with my condition it would have avoided years of anxiety and heartache."*

The work of the MASIC Foundation goes on and we have good things to share. We continue to strive to support mothers with anal sphincter injuries sustained in childbirth because of the devastating consequences these have to the life of the mother and her family.

So, what has happened since our last Bulletin in November 2017?

## Good News and Achievements

- We have a robust **Website** and hope to appoint a MASIC mother to assist with a social media forum so that injured mothers have a place to share their story.
- We have organised **Education Days** up and down the country to make health professionals aware of the impact that these injuries have on the mother and family so as to encourage practice that reduces the risk of injury as well as better detection of injury when it occurs and optimal after care. These meetings also generate local support networks. The first were held in Cardiff on 15 May, Southampton on 5 June and Norwich on 13 September.



Southampton Education Day

- The MASIC Foundation was invited to arrange a plenary session, with over two hundred and fifty participants and a Mothers' Focus Group meeting on obstetric anal sphincter injury at the **UK Continence Society** badged with the Pelvic Floor Society in Telford on 18-20 April.
- MASIC contributed to a **Workshop organised by Leigh Day** at the Goldsmith's Centre in London on 24 May on Women's Rights in Healthcare to mark a centenary of some women gaining the vote.
- The **Public Affairs Committee** were invited to lunch at the House of Lords hosted by Baroness Cumberlege to discuss questions to both Houses of Parliament through the All-Party Groups on Women's Health and Incontinence on 15 January.
- MASIC was invited to a **meeting with parliamentarians** at Portcullis House (attached to Parliament) on 8 May to discuss women's health issues.
- The President presented the role of the MASIC Foundation to the **International**

**Urogynaecology Meeting** in Vienna on 27-30 June.

- We had glorious weather on 5 July for a performance of the **Mozart Opera** performed by Diva opera company The *Abduction from the Seraglio* in the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene in the Warwickshire village of Tanworth in Arden which raised over £34,000 for the charity. A huge thank you to all who came and supported us!



A Night at the Opera

### Opportunities for further growth in the months ahead

- We are currently appointing a **Director of the Foundation**.
- A close working relationship with the **OASI Care Bundle**, managed by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Midwives, as they launch their campaign on 16 November.
- Establishing a **Mother's Support Group through Social Media**.
- Further **Education Days** in 2019 include Leicester, Bristol and Gloucestershire,

West London and the M6/M62 junction, for the North West and Yorkshire.

- **Education Workshops and A Gala Fund Raising Event** at the Royal Society of Arts on 9 May 2019.



The Royal Society of Arts in London

- A **National Meeting on Consent/Shared Decision Making in pregnancy and labour** at the Royal Society of Medicine at a date to be decided. It will be supported by speakers from Birthrights and the RSM.
- **Two Day Meeting on Cross Disciplinary Conversations to Improve Care for Mothers with OASI** at Green Templeton College, Oxford in collaboration with the College's Sheila Kitzinger Programme on 23-24 November 2018.



Green Templeton College, University of Oxford

- Continuing to organise **Mothers' Support Groups**

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