

Appendix B

Current Situation

Please note: Answers are given as a percentage of total responses

57. With regards to being the primary surgeon at CS do you currently have senior supervision while performing the procedure? (Choose one)

No senior supervision= 5%
Senior is scrubbed in theatre for the case= 15%
Senior is in theatre= 11%
Senior is on the hospital premises= 13%
Senior is available telephonically= 6%
Not applicable= 50%

58. With regards to giving the anaesthetic for CS, do you have supervision available? (Choose one)

Senior is in theatre= 24%
Senior is on the hospital premises= 16%
Senior is available telephonically= 10%
No senior supervision= 16%
Not applicable= 34%

59. Do you ever perform single operator CS at your current hospital? (A single doctor performs the anaesthetic and surgery for CS) (Choose one)

No= 61%
Yes= 2%
Not applicable= 37%

60. When you are performing the anaesthetic for a CS, are you required to leave the mother unattended and help resuscitate the baby? (Choose one)

Yes, frequently= 20%
Occasionally= 41%
Infrequently= 14%
Not applicable= 25%

61. Do you have access to difficult airway equipment in your theatre? (Check all that apply)

Bougie= 58%
Short handled laryngoscope blade= 47%
Video laryngoscopes= 8%
Laryngeal masks= 57%
Surgical cricothyroidotomy sets= 15%

Not applicable= 25%

62. Did you receive outreach visits (before lockdown) from your referral hospitals? (Choose one)

No = 65%

Yes = 35%

63. Who did these outreach visits? (Check all that apply)

Anaesthetic specialist= 16%

Anaesthetic registrar= 41%

Anaesthetic medical officer= 29%

Obstetric Specialist= 39%

Obstetric Registrar= 3%

Obstetric medical officer= 2%

Not applicable=109

64. Do you receive telephonic support on ANAESTHETIC decisions from your referral hospital? (Choose one)

No= 36%

Yes= 20%

Not applicable, I'm not involved in anaesthesia as a COSMO= 34%

Not applicable, I have anaesthetic support from my current hospital and don't require "outside" assistance= 10%

65. How do you access ANAESTHETIC support currently? (Check all that apply)

I have access to senior anaesthetic support at my current hospital= 21%

"Phone a friend"- personal contact who has more anaesthetic knowledge= 23%

Phone a designated person from my referral hospital= 10%

Phone the on-call doctor at my referral hospital= 23%

Unable to access support= 3%

Not applicable- I am not involved in performing anaesthesia as a COSMO= 36%

Other= 4%

66. Do you receive telephonic support on OBSTETRIC decisions from your referral hospital? (Choose one)

No= 3%

Yes= 61%

Not applicable, I have Obstetric support from my current hospital and don't require "outside" assistance= 3%

Not applicable, I do not work in obstetrics as a COSMO= 33%

67. How do you access OBSTETRIC support currently? (Check all that apply)

I have access to senior obstetric support at my current hospital= 26%

"Phone a friend"- personal contact who has more obstetric knowledge= 8%

Phone a designated person from my referral hospital= 20%

Phone the on-call doctor at my referral hospital= 52%

Unable to access support= <1%

Not applicable- I am not involved in obstetrics as a COSMO= 33%

68. Suggestions for improvement: Please select the options which you feel will improve your skills and knowledge (Check all that apply)

Visiting doctors performing monthly visits= 48%

Inreach option, where you can work at a referral hospital for a period of time to upskill= 68%

Obstetric surgical skills refresher course= 70%

Anaesthetic obstetric courses at a central location aimed at COSMOS= 76%

Orientation courses for obstetrics and anaesthesia at the beginning of Community service= 60%

Simulation course offered which are aimed at improving skills in managing emergencies= 64%

Online courses= 43%

Other = 3%