

The Lancet Series on Midwifery

## What Happened Next?

Transforming understanding, informing  
policy and action

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### Session Objectives:

1. To review the key messages and evidence from The Lancet Series on Midwifery
2. To present the range of ways in which the Series has had an impact, including shifting conceptual understanding, providing evidence of the impact of midwifery, informing advocacy, policy and guidance, shaping future research priorities, and informing action at local, national, regional, and global levels
3. To consider next steps

Mary Renfrew has been Professor of Mother and Infant Health and of Midwifery since 1994, at the Universities of Dundee (2012-present), York (2004-2012), and Leeds (1994-2004). A health researcher, educator, and midwife, Mary has conducted research in maternity care and midwifery and in infant feeding and nutrition for over 35 years, and her work has informed and helped to shape public health policy and practice nationally and internationally. Her work has a core focus on improving health and the quality of care for women, babies and families, reducing the impact of inequalities, and evidence-informed policy and practice. She is currently a member of the Implementation Programme Board for the Scottish Government review of maternity and neonatal services (The Best Start), a member of the Midwifery Panel at the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), and is Lead Advisor to the NMC for the review of education standards for the future midwife. She has advised government departments in several countries, and global organisations including the WHO, UNICEF, and ICM. She was a Board member of UNICEF UK (2011-2017), and she was Principal Investigator for the groundbreaking global Lancet Series on Midwifery (2011-2016). She was awarded inaugural Senior Investigator status with the UK National Institute for Health Research in 2008, the first midwife to hold this award. She was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2014, the first midwife or nurse to be elected to Scotland's National Academy.

