

Perinatal mortality surveillance, 2004, England, Wales and Northern Ireland (April 2006)

ERRATUM

Section 5 - The postmortem investigation

Owing to a misclassification error, cases where the post-mortem status was “not known” have been included within the figures for post-mortems reported to have taken place. This has led to inaccurate summary figures of the overall rate of post-mortems. The correct figure for the overall post-mortem rate should read 38.1%, representing a small decrease from the rate of 39.0% seen in 2003, rather than a rise to 42.4% as previously reported. A revised table 11 can now be accessed via the HTML version of the report. The sustained reduction in post-mortem uptake across England, Wales and Northern Ireland is a disappointing finding which CEMACH will continue to monitor in subsequent annual reports.