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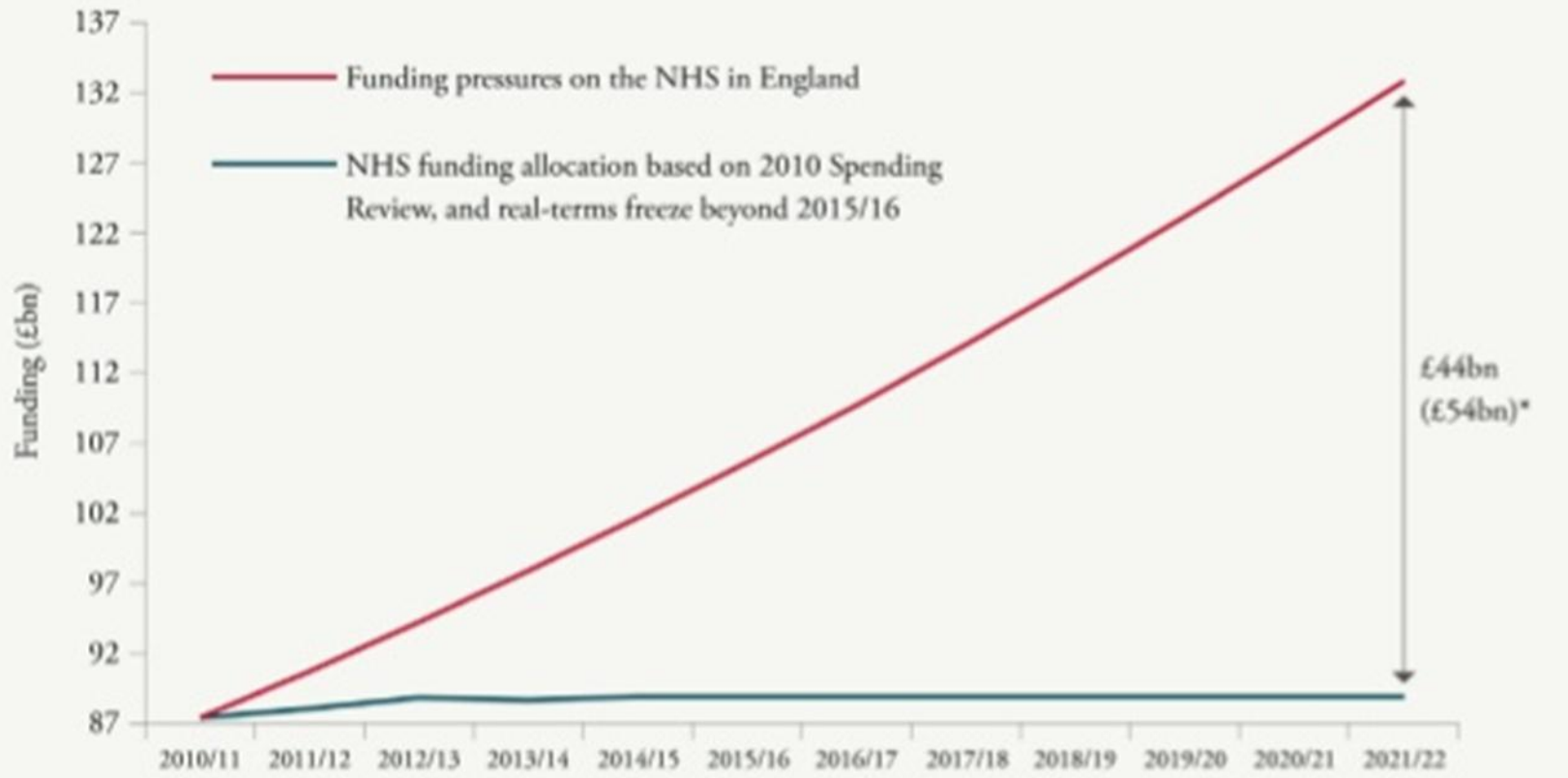
Stretching Midwifery Horizons

The future of maternity services - 22bn efficiency gains which are not cuts

Projected funding gap in 2021/22 – Base Case



* The funding gap for PCT-commissioned NHS services in England is displayed together with the estimate for the departmental expenditure limit.

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Perinatal Mortality Surveillance Report MBRRACE-UK 2015

- Pregnancies to women living in areas with the highest levels of social deprivation in the UK are over 50% more likely to end in stillbirth or neonatal death.
- Babies of Black or Black British and Asian or Asian British ethnicity had the highest risk of extended perinatal mortality with rates of 9.8 and 8.8 per 1,000 total births respectively.
- **Inequalities in perinatal outcomes persist in the UK.**

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Statutory midwifery supervision

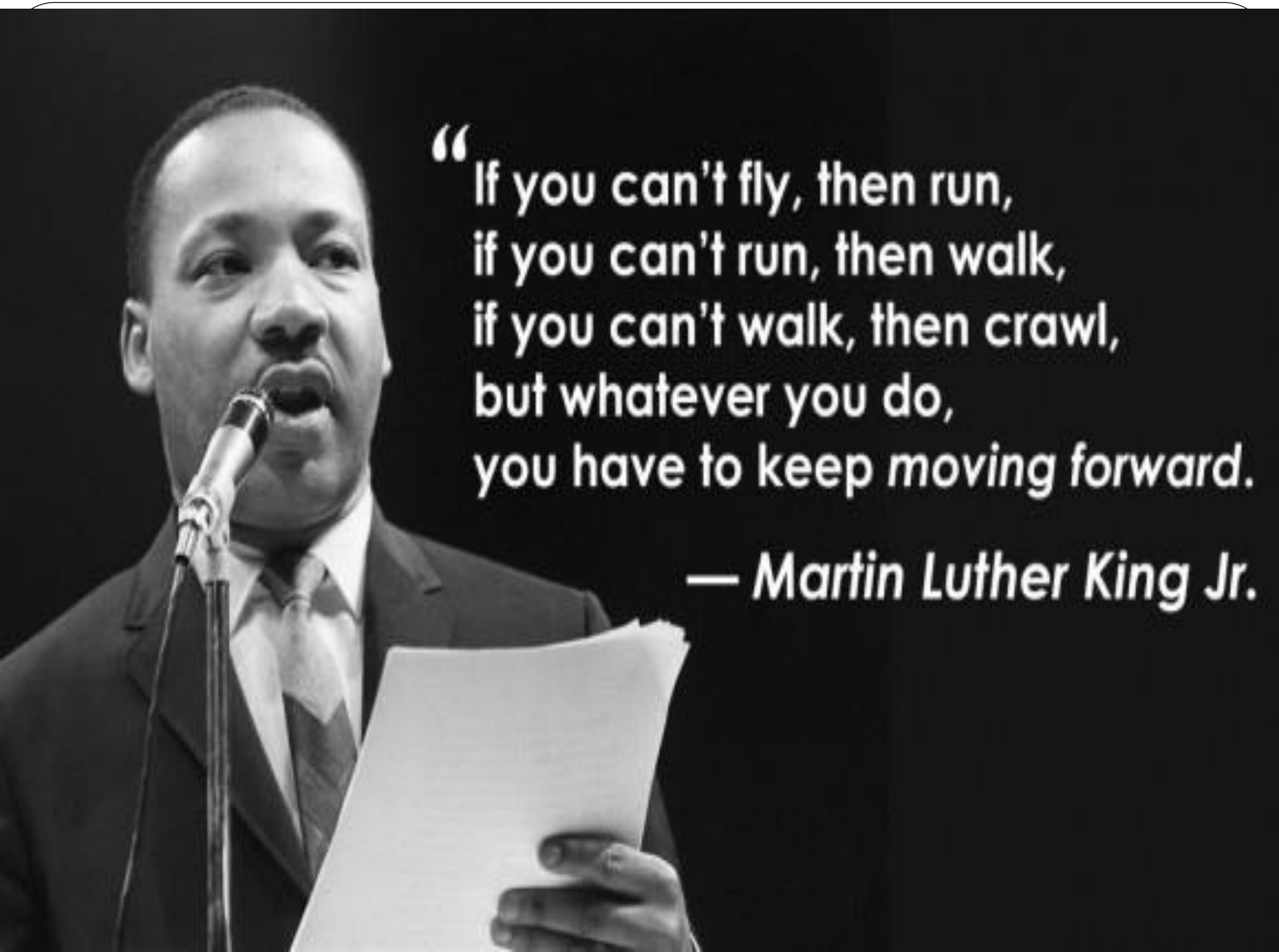
- Investigations into complaints about maternity services at Morecambe Bay
- The Parliamentary and Health Services Ombudsman published Midwifery supervision and regulation: recommendations for change ((PHSO, 2013)
- Statutory supervision of midwives found to be flawed

Proposals

1. Midwifery supervision and regulation be separated
2. NMC should be in direct control of regulatory activity

Next steps

- NMC commissioned the King's Fund to review statutory supervision in the UK
- The King's Fund review recommended that:
- The NMC should have direct responsibility and accountability for the core functions of regulation.
- The NMC required to remove midwifery supervision from statute.


"If you can't fly, then run,
if you can't run, then walk,
if you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do,
you have to keep *moving forward*.
— *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Opportunities

Maternity review

1. Work streams
2. Choice
3. Models
4. Levers and incentives work stream
5. Professional culture and accountability

- Evidence – birth place
- Revalidation

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Business priorities

- Commissioning guidance
- Named midwife
- Mental health best practice guidance
- Perinatal mental health
- Reduction in stillbirths and early neonatal death
- Support the roll out of the saving lives care bundle for reducing still births and early neonatal deaths
- Reduction of term admissions to neonatal units

Other priorities - LSA

- Removing midwifery supervision from statute provides an opportunity to design a new system that enables a clear separation between the regulation of midwives (the role of the NMC) and the supervision of midwives

- Four country work on redesigning supervision for midwives is underway-statutory supervision must continue until the law changes

Other business priorities

- Women-Centred maternity care

- Increase in the number of Midwife led births for low risk women."
- increase in access and choice of maternity services within a continuity model of care.
- Maternity review

ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH
(Helen Keller)

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- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZlXWp6vFdE&feature=player_detail

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