Table 1

Recognition of sepsis (Adapted from *Saving Mothers' Lives. Reviewing maternal deaths to make motherhood safer: 2006-2008)*

The following red flag symptoms and signs should prompt urgent referral to hospital for assessment:

- Pyrexia > 38^{0}C (or hypothermia)
- Tachycardia > 100 bpm
- Tachypnoea > 20/min
- Abdominal or chest pain
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- Vaginal discharge
- Uterine tenderness
- Generally unwell, distressed, anxious or panicked