

# Vulnerable women's midwife Information Pack

## Including Job Description & Person Specification



Croydon Health Services provides integrated NHS services to care for people at home, in schools, and health clinics across the borough as well as at Croydon University Hospital and Purley War Memorial Hospital.

CUH provides more than 100 specialist services and is home to the borough's only Emergency Department and 24/7 maternity services, including a labour ward, midwifery-led birth centre and the Crocus home birthing team.

Purley War Memorial Hospital (PWMH) in the south of the borough offers outpatient care, including diagnostic services, physiotherapy and ophthalmology services run by Moorfields Eye Hospital, alongside an onsite GP surgery.

Our experienced district nursing teams, Allied Health Professionals and community matrons look after for people of all ages across Croydon and our Children's Hospital at Home cares for children with long-term conditions without them having to come to hospital.

We are a very close-knit and friendly organisation where everyone of our 3600 members of staff is valued. We strongly believe that our employees are our greatest asset.



**Join us and be a part of the team that is making Croydon proud.**

## Our values

We will always be **professional**, **compassionate**, **respectful** and **safe**.

### Professional

- Set ourselves very high standards and share best practice
- Keep our uniforms smart, and be professional and consistent in our approach
- Work in partnership to best support our community's needs
- Use resources wisely without compromising quality or safety

### Compassionate

- Treat everyone as we would want to be treated ourselves
- Demonstrate kindness, dignity, empathy and compassion
- Make time for the people we are caring for, to understand their needs and wants
- Organise our services to give people the best possible experience of care

### Respectful

- Be courteous and welcoming, and introduce ourselves
- Value the diversity and needs of everyone
- Always involve people in decisions about their care, listening to and respecting their wishes
- Appreciate the contribution that staff from all backgrounds bring to our services

### Safe

- Be open and honest in everything we do, sharing what we do well and admitting our mistakes, to constantly improve our care
- Protect the confidentiality of those in our care and show sensitivity to people around us
- Feel free to raise concerns so we are always learning
- Make time for training and development and



## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>Vulnerable Women's Midwife</b>
<b>DIRECTORATE</b>	<b>Integrated Women, Children and Sexual Health</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Maternity department</b>
<b>BAND</b>	<b>Band 6</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO</b>	<b>Community Midwifery Manager</b>
<b>ACCOUNTABLE TO</b>	<b>Director of Midwifery/ Director of Nursing &amp; Midwifery</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE FOR</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### JOB SUMMARY

To provide safe and effective midwifery care to vulnerable women whilst working in partnership within a multidisciplinary team. This multidisciplinary team includes the Specialist Midwife for Perinatal Mental Health, Social Services, The Perinatal Mental Health Team, Obstetric and Psychiatric Consultants, Health Visitors, Family Nurses, Neonatal Consultants and Neonatal Nurses. To ensure comprehensive, compassionate and enhanced midwifery care to vulnerable clients while providing the highest standard of individualised and holistic patient care alongside the multidisciplinary team.

This is an opportunity to work within a team supporting vulnerable pregnant women and their families. This team will work for Croydon Health Services Trust in community locations such as community health clinics, patient's homes, and at local children's centers. The team of midwives will work to support vulnerable women in the antenatal and postnatal period who are experiencing or have experienced the following: Moderate to Severe Mental Health Issues, Domestic Abuse, Teenage Pregnancies (under 16 years of age), Learning Disabilities, Substance Misuse, and Complex Safeguarding Issues.



The midwives will be responsible for the assessment and care needs for high and low risk women, in collaboration with the multidisciplinary team. To implement all types of care and be competent to take charge of a ward or equivalent sphere in the absence of the Midwifery team leader who has continuing responsibility. Provide midwifery care to mothers and babies in the community, which reflects research, based midwifery practice.

## **MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Professional**

Work in accordance with the NMC's rules and standards for midwives. Ensure compliance with other NMC documents/standards, Trust policies and guidelines.

To maintain and develop professional knowledge and competence in accordance with the NMC recommendations.

Ensure high standards of patient care maintained by participating in quality assurance programmes.

Demonstrate good interpersonal skills, and understand the need to communicate effectively with the women, their families, colleagues and multidisciplinary teams.

Work towards the aims and objectives of the Trust's Nursing and Midwifery Strategy.

Communicate sensitive information to appropriate team professionals/agencies/patients using discretion and maintaining confidentiality at all times.

Provide emotional support to bereaved families or those who have undergone difficult and traumatic experiences during childbirth.

Plan, organise and participate in parent education teaching in the ward, department and clinics.

Follow Trust and Maternity Unit Guidelines and participate in the Practice Review and Guidelines groups.

Keep up to date with changes and developments in midwifery care and co-operate in any research projects applicable to the maternity unit.

Knowledge of the risk management strategy for the maternity services, and to ensure reporting that risk trigger events occur accordingly by using the IRIS forms.

Child Protection: Knowledge of all issues and when appropriate initiate the referral to social services. Liaise closely and actively participate with social services and other team members.

Liaise with medical staff as necessary and report any abnormal condition. Liaise with the Supervisor of Midwives for professional issues, which affect the safety of mother and baby.

### **Clinical**





Maintain a high standard of midwifery care based on evidence-based practice.

Give clinical advice and guidance to other professionals as required.

Be prepared to undertake perineal suturing, cannulation, administer IV medication and scrub for LSCS operations. Also, be willing to undertake any further extension of midwifery role.

Promote breast feeding, starting in antenatal period.

Keep up to date with changes and developments in midwifery care and co-operate in any research projects applicable to the maternity unit.

Be confident and competent in all areas of midwifery, therefore able to carry out total midwifery care during the whole period of the confinement.

Participate in the co-ordination of clinical activities of the midwives, working in collaboration with women, medical staff and the multidisciplinary team involved in the provision of care.

Participate in review of clinical practice.

This post involves manual handling tasks and jobholders need to be aware of the Health & Safety Policy on manual handling of loads.

Maintain statutory records and any other records and statistics that are required locally, including information technology of PROTOS maternity computer systems.

To attend relevant and mandatory in-service training including CTG, obstetric emergencies, child protection and Health & Safety in accordance with national recommendations and Trust guidelines.

Maintain personal records of training for the purpose of personal development, midwifery supervisory audit and CNST assessment

### **Managerial**

Assist with orientation programmes of new members of staff.

Supervise the work of the non-midwife, qualified or unqualified staff as well as midwifery, medical and nursing students.

In the absence of the Band 7 Midwives assist in the day to day management of the ward/unit and act up into the post as required.

Assist Midwifery Sister with duty rotas to ensure adequate cover of the ward/team areas at all times. Maintain stores and equipment ensuring proper economic use.

Ensure the safe storage and use of equipment in accordance with the Trust policy.



Be responsible for the safe administration of drugs in accordance with Trust policy and Statutory Rules and Regulations.

Participate in the individual performance review/appraisal system on an annual basis in line with Trust policy.

To act as a mentor for student midwives and student nurses and to liaise with midwifery tutors as necessary.

Report complaints, incidents and accidents to the Midwifery Sister and assist in their investigation and resolution.

Attend relevant meetings as required: Labour Ward Forum; Curriculum Management; Clinical Governance; Audit and Quality Assurance.

### **Leadership**

Contribute to evaluation of the performance of the maternity department.

Develop personal resources, show self-confidence and confidence in team.

Act as an effective role model for students and other staff.

Facilitate and develop staff by motivating them and encouraging their creativity.

### **GENERAL**

*The following statements must be included (within the exception of 7, which only applies to clinical staff and 9, which only applies to posts that require professional registration).*

1. To work in accordance with the Trust's, 'Here for you' standards to consistently demonstrate the behaviours required to fulfil the promises we have made to the people of Croydon. These promises, developed with our patients, carers and staff help us deliver the pledges in the NHS Constitution and our own corporate objectives.

The post holder is required to carry out his/her role in accordance with the organisation values, standards and behaviours, in a Professional, Compassionate, Respectful and Safe way.

2. To ensure that Croydon Health Services Trust's policies and procedures are adhered to.
3. To have responsibility for the Health, Safety and Welfare of self and others and to comply at all times with the requirements of the Health and Safety Regulations and the Trust's Health and Safety policies and procedures.
4. To ensure confidentiality at all times, only releasing confidential information obtained during the course of employment to those acting in an official capacity in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act and its amendments.



5. To work in accordance with the Trust's policies to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote equality and diversity in the workplace. To positively promote at all times equality of opportunity in service delivery and employment in accordance with Trust policies, regardless of age, disability, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, gender, religion, belief, sexual orientation or domestic circumstances.
6. To adhere to the Trust Infection Control Policy, procedures and guidelines, and in particular practice strict hand hygiene at all times while carrying out clinical duties, in line with the responsibilities placed on employees by the Health Act 2006: Code of Practice for the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections (HCAIs). The prevention and control of HCAIs must be embedded into everyday clinical practice and applied consistently.
7. All clinical staff hold responsibility for ensuring they have sound knowledge of standard infection control precautions and that no omission on their part or within the sphere of their responsibility is detrimental to the interests or safety of their patients, visitors and colleagues. Clinical staff must keep their infection control knowledge and skills up to date by attending the Trust's mandatory infection control training, a record of which will be kept and information provided to line managers as required.
8. To comply with the Trust's Safe Guarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policies, procedures and protocols. All individual members of staff (paid or unpaid) have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults This will require you to:
  - Ensure you are familiar with and comply with the London Child Protection Procedures and protocols for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people.
  - Ensure you are familiar and comply with the Croydon Multi Agency Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Pan London Procedures.
  - Ensure you are familiar and comply with local protocols and systems for information sharing.
  - Know the appropriate contact numbers and required reporting lines.
  - Participate in required training and supervision.
  - Comply with required professional boundaries and codes of conduct

NOTE:

- A child is someone under the age of 18 (this would include unborn children).
- A vulnerable adult is 'someone who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation' (this includes carers).

Copies of the Protocols and Procedures are available on the Trust Intranet under Child Protection. Staff are advised on how to access the appropriate contact numbers and the Protocols and Procedures when attending Safeguarding training. Updates and revisions are notified to all staff via 'What's New'.

9. To work within the NMC Code of Professional Conduct and Scope of Professional Practice.
10. Budget Holders are responsible for adherence to Standing Financial Instructions



11. Managers are responsible for adherence of maintaining expenditure within budget and addressing deviations from budget
12. To undertake such other duties as may be reasonably required from time to time as are consistent with the responsibilities of the post.

### You are the difference –Staff Pledges

All staff are expected to demonstrate a considerate and respectful attitude.

I will always introduce myself to patients and other staff “Hello my name is”

If I see that someone looks like they need help, assistance or they look lost – I will always – Can I help you?

If I can't help you I will always ensure that I refer you to someone who can

If I see behaviour that is inappropriate I will feel empowered and supported to always challenge it

This job description is not an exhaustive document, but is a reflection of the current position. The job holder may from time to time be asked to undertake other reasonable duties. Any change will be made in discussion with the job holder in light of service needs.

### **Job Description Agreement**

This job description can be updated annually as part of the personal development plan.

This job description has been updated and agreed by:

Current post holder : .....

Date: .....

Line Manager: .....

Date .....





## PERSON SPECIFICATION

**JOB TITLE:** Midwife

**BAND:** 6

**DEPARTMENT:** Women's Services

**DATE:** 12/07/2022

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	HOW TESTED
<b>EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Registered Midwife.  Student midwife in final 3 months of degree/diploma.	Relevant Degree. Documented evidence of further studies: personal portfolio. Assessor/mentorship course or equivalent.	A/F I
<b>KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING</b>	Awareness and understanding of current national and local midwifery issues.  Understanding child protection and safeguarding.  Awareness of risk management.  Ability to make appropriate clinical decisions in the light of research evidence, informed choice and individual circumstance	Understand systems of team approach in midwifery.  Understanding the change process.	A/F I
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Worked in a variety of settings utilising all midwifery skills.  Demonstrate an understanding of research based midwifery care.  Ability to deal with problems logically as they arise.	Experience working within a continuity team. Understanding of Children's Act. Has been involved in midwifery related research. Appreciation of counselling skills. More than 12 months' experience post midwifery qualification.	AF I



<b>SKILLS/ABILITIES</b>	Effective written and verbal communication. Practice as an autonomous midwife in the acute and primary care setting. Demonstrate good organisation skills.	Motivated to develop clinical skills. Mentor/Assessor training. Examination and assessment of the newborn (NIPE trained).	AF I
	<b>ESSENTIAL</b>	<b>DESIRABLE</b>	<b>HOW TESTED</b>
	Ability to think logically, prioritise and use initiative.	Evidence ability to: Administer intravenous medicines, cannulation, perineal suturing. Scrub practitioner for LSCS.	AF/I
<b>OTHER</b>	<p>Motivated and can work proactively.</p> <p>Calm, pleasant personality.</p> <p>Can deal with staff/patients in a sensitive manner.</p> <p>Assertive.</p> <p>Enjoys working as a team member.</p> <p>Professional appearance and manner.</p> <p>Able to work in a multicultural environment.</p> <p>Ability to adapt to meet changing needs and work under pressure.</p>	<p>Good leadership and organisational skills</p> <p>Participate in working groups i.e:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Labour Ward Forum</li> <li>- Audit</li> <li>- Quality Assurance</li> <li>- Clinical Governance</li> <li>- Curriculum Management</li> </ul>	AF I
<b>PHYSICAL QUALITIES</b>	<p>Good general health.</p> <p>Able to undertake all duties of a midwife in the hospital and community setting.</p>		

A= Application    T= Test    I=Interview

