



Continuity of care with a student midwife

This leaflet explains how a student midwife can be involved in your care as part of their training.

What does this mean?

To successfully complete their midwifery training, student midwives must be involved in 'continuity of care' this means being with someone throughout their pregnancy, birth and for a short time after. We call this their 'caseload'. It is your choice if you want to be part of a student midwife's caseload and you can change your mind at any time.

The student midwife's aim is to be a part of the whole journey of having a baby including attending antenatal appointments, being at the birth and providing some of your postnatal care. They can provide a familiar face and be a professional friend throughout your journey by:

- ✓ Coming to your midwife and/or doctors' appointments
- ✓ Coming to your scans if you'd like them there
- ✓ Being contacted when you go into labour and if available, being there for the birth. This applies whether you give birth at home, on the Delivery Suite, in a Rushey Midwife Led Room or a caesarean birth in Theatre
- ✓ Seeing you on the postnatal wards
- ✓ Coming to your home for your visits after birth

Unfortunately, there may be occasions where they are unable to attend due to other educational commitments or availability. If you move to another hospital for the birth you would also stop being part of their caseload.

They will not:

- ✗ Replace your midwife or act unsupervised
- ✗ Provide their contact details or be contactable directly
- ✗ Call you directly

How it works

Your Student Midwife will be told about all planned appointments and will aim to attend them all if you are happy to have them there. They will only have access to your medical records while providing direct care. You can ask them to leave at any time and if you want to be removed from their caseload you can tell your midwife or any member of staff and it will happen immediately. We appreciate your involvement in their training but understand it is a privilege to be involved in your journey.

Name of your student midwife



If you have concerns about your Student Midwife or want to stop being part of their caseload please speak directly to your community midwife or contact the clinical placement facilitators via: RBHStudentmidwives@royalberkshire.nhs.uk

To find out more about our Trust visit www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk

Please ask if you need this information in another language or format.

F Gannon, Midwife, July 2026

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Our Maternity Strategy and Vision

'Working together with women, birthing people and families to offer compassionate, supportive care and informed choice; striving for equity and excellence in our maternity service.'

You can read our maternity strategy here

