

## **Sherwood Forest Hospitals Community Midwifery Review Terms of Reference**

### **1. Purpose**

The Purpose of the review of Community Midwifery Services at Sherwood Forest Hospitals (SFH) is to establish current practice, review this practice against regional peers, national guidance and make any recommendations.

Currently SFH has a partial suspension to the homebirth service overnight due to staffing. Birth rate plus establishment review states that we require less midwives in community than we currently have. This aim of this review is to ensure the clinical pathways are in line with national guidance and the staffing establishment is appropriate for the geographical areas covered. A training needs analysis may also be required following this review.

### **2. Membership**

Membership is expected to comprise of the following:

<b>Membership</b>
• Divisional Head of Nursing and Midwifery
• Divisional General Manager
• Regional Senior Community Midwife
• Deputy Chief Regional Midwife
• Obstetric lead
• Consultant Midwife
• SFH Community Matron
• SFH Community Team Leader

### **3. Chair and Deputy**

The Divisional Head of Nursing and Midwifery will be the chair, organise and have overall responsibility of this review, supported by the Divisional General Manager.

### **5. Conduct of Business**

As outlined the aim of this review is to examine the current practices within Community Midwifery Services with specific reference to;

- Benchmark schedule of antenatal and postnatal visiting against regional and national guidance
- Review of current locations of working
- Review the current establishment and its distribution
- Explore the role of the Maternity Support Worker (MSW) within community services
- Make recommendations for the provision of antenatal education

## **6. Review report**

Following the review, a report and any subsequent recommendations will be published. This will be in conjunction with and approved by the regional review team and led by the Divisional Head of Nursing and Midwifery. The report will be available four weeks following the completion of the review.

## **7. Duties**

The duties of the review team are to consider the points and report back on the points outlined within the conduct of business. If at any point during the review if the team identify any safety issues or areas of immediate concern then these should be raised with the Divisional Head of Nursing and Midwifery.

Once concluded the external review members will provide feedback and recommendations to ensure SFH maternity services are following best practice for community midwifery. The Divisional Head of Nursing and Midwifery will facilitate a co-produced report, expected within four weeks of the review.

## **8. Accountable to**

The SFH Community Review will be reportable to the Chief Nurse and the Maternity Assurance Committee (MAC) at SFH.

The report and any subsequent recommendations and actions will be monitored through the MAC.