

Regional Midwifery Forum

Terms of Reference – December 2004

Aim:

The main remit of the group will be to make regional midwifery responses and recommendations following robust critical review, analysis and discussion of current guidance, documents, innovations and evidence that shape maternity care.

Representation

Each Trust should have comprehensive representation on the Forum. There should be three midwife representatives from each Trust.

The Forum will have representatives with a variety of midwifery backgrounds including:

- Head of Midwifery
- Guideline development midwife
- Supervisor of midwives
- Senior manager
- Clinical midwife
- Research midwife
- Midwife with a special interest
- Educationalists from regional Universities

The group can invite additional members for specific issues ad hoc.

Objectives:

- To promote best practice across regional maternity services
- To review and evaluate current evidence, policy documents and directives and make recommendations for the region
- To share local best practice and innovations
- To influence the development of regional multidisciplinary guidelines and protocols

Quorum

- 9 Trusts represented

Meetings

The group will meet bi-monthly or as requested by the Forum membership.

Dissemination

Information will be available on the Perinatal Institute website:

http://www.perinatal.nhs.uk/rmf/index_rmf.htm

In addition, the Regional Heads of Midwifery and the Regional Midwifery Officer will be advised of the Forums discussions and activities.